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Christian Community Presbyterian Church Newsletter

I was 16 years old the first time I traveled to Mexico to build houses with Amor Ministries. I only recently started to really understand just how challenging the task of following Jesus could be. I had avoided going on the trip the previous two years by using lame excuses to convince my friends I didn't want or need to participate. Eventually, I caved. I was on a worksite with my two best friends; however, I knew nothing about what I was doing. I weighed 120lbs at the time and could barely swing a hammer or saw a board. By the last day of building, only 6 members of my work site were healthy, as one of the 115 students on the trip had brought a flu bug down with him that spread through much of the group. Yet, when all was said and done, I had just had one of the best weeks of my life.

Something clicked that week for me; the combination of worship, testimonies, and service all lined up in a way that I had not experienced before. It was probably the first time I remember experiencing the Holy Spirit in action. By the time I came home and got my first hot shower in a week, I was already ready to go back and do it again. I vowed that year that I would go back as often as possible, and I have 12 more times in the 15 years since. I don't remember the name of the first family we built a house for, at the time that wasn't as important to me as it is now. What does stand out is the testimony I heard from my high school's starting quarterback Kasey Rumrey. It was a challenge for all high school students to follow Christ no matter what social group or clique they were in. This is something that has stuck with me ever since.

As we head to the greater Tijuana area, CCPC Youth will experience God in a variety of ways throughout an exhilarating week. We will have morning devotionals, work nine hour days, have worship time at a campfire, a sermon each night, and small group discussions. The goal is not just to build a house but build on the foundation of their faith in Jesus Christ. They will assist in building three 11x22 two room houses, but they will also build relationships with the family and children in the area.

I love this trip and am incredibly excited to get to share this experience with 23 other members and friends of our congregation. We have 18 youth, 1 college student, and 5 adults going this year and it is a great group of students and leaders. St Mark's Lutheran Church in Fairfield, CA will have 8 youth, 7 college students, and 8 adults going as well. That means 47 of us will be partnering together to build, worship, play, and serve together. You are all invited to join us on July 10th when we will be commissioning our team as well as enjoying a Mexican food themed luncheon. By then, we will have family biographies and photos available. I would like to thank the Mission Committee for their whole-hearted support of this trip as well as those of you who helped support our golf tournament fundraiser and those of you who have already made special donations for the trip.

In Christ,

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Some ways you can still help:

- 1. Youth will be selling Mexico "stock" on July 3rd and 10th before and after service. Shares of Mexico stock sell for \$25 per share. Shareholders are encouraged to attend Mexico Sunday on August 21st and the dessert with Q and A after the service.
- 2. Be a driver for departure or pick-up for our flight. In order to get the best rates possible, our flight out leaves Sunday, July 17th at 7am from BWI and our flight home returns at 1:43am on July 25th at Dulles. If you are willing to help out with either of these times, please let me know.



Worship Notes



July 3, 2016 at 10:30 AM

The final sermon on the "Fruits of the Spirit" in *Galatians 5* is Peace. The Peace Jesus offers is more than just the absence of conflict. It is a presence that makes wonderful things possible. How do we find and hold on to this Peace? Stay after worship to celebrate Charles Casto's 100th Birthday in Dodds Hall

July 10, 2016 at 10:30 AM

We begin a summer sermon series on the Book of James. *James 1:19-27* tells us to be "doers of the word and not merely hearers." The sermon is on "Faith as A Second Language." We will commission the mission team going to Mexico. After the service everyone is invited to Dodds Hall for the AMOR luncheon.

July 17, 2016 at 10:30 AM

James 2:1-13 is about "Showing No Favorites." How we dress, the vocabulary we use, and our zip code speak to our social status. James challenges the all too common practice of the church and society to favor some and exclude others. We will examine part of the "Belhar Confession" that was recently added to our Book of Confessions.

July 24, 2016 at 10:30 AM

James 3:1-12, we hear about the power and the peril of the tongue. "The tongue boast of great exploits it can bless and it can curse." How is the tongue tamed? How can our words bring blessing?

July 31, 2016 at 10:30 AM

James 3:13-17, words of wisdom come to us from many sources. What famous person has not ended their career by sharing the wisdom they have gained through their amazing experiences? How does this wisdom mirror or deviate from God's wisdom?

August 6, 2016 at 10:30 AM

James 4:13-17, warns us to "Beware of Human Pretension." A former boss warned me: "Whenever someone starts to boast about how honest and religious they are in the context of a business deal, immediately run, don't walk, in the other direction."

What beliefs protect us from being victims of arrogance?

Cluster Gatherings!

It's time for our Annual Summer Cluster Gatherings We hope you can join us!

If you do not know what cluster you are in, please contact Julia Leaman, look on the standup, swivel bulletin board in the Atrium, or ask Robin in the church office.

Cluster Gatherings are a way for our new members to meet the congregation and for the congregation to welcome the new members into their CCPC family.

It's also for all of our members to have some time to get to know people that they might not have the chance to meet otherwise. The Deacons are hosting the events with light fare so all you need to bring is yourself! Deacons will be contacting their cluster members with additional information prior to the event.

Mark your calendars based on the schedule below and let your Deacon know if you will be able to make it.

July 9th at 5 PM (Debbie Sell's house)

Cluster 9 (Debbie Sell – 301-809-5825)

July 24th (Skip Oates' house)

Cluster 1 (Dave Honeyford – 301-262-5662) Cluster 6 (Skip Oates – 301-262-6959)

Sunday, July 31st (after church in Dodd's hall)

Cluster 7 (Julia Leaman – 410-451-9683) Cluster 11 (Debbie Armstrong – 301-809-1421) Cluster 12 (Sharon Youngdahl – 240-678-5512) Cluster 15 (Betsy McArdle – 301-464-9598)

Sunday, August 14th (after church in Dodd's hall)

Cluster 4 (Priscilla Bouic – 301-262-4906) Cluster 5 (Jan Butler – 301-249-3060) Cluster 8 (Jackie Lindbeck – 301-262-0628) Cluster 10 (Trudy Neff – 301-262-3318)

Sunday, August 21st (after church in Dodd's hall)

Cluster 2 (Deb Cooper – 301-262-2748) Cluster 3 (Kris Ross – 240-206-8787) Cluster 13 (Sherry Saylors – 301-352-2822) Cluster 14 (Dodji Komlan – 301-789-7816)

Deacon & Elder Biographies

DEACONS CLASS OF 2019

<u>Jan Butler</u>—I was raised in Lincoln, Nebraska in an upper middle class, conservative Republican and "Holiday Presbyterian" family. My maternal grandparents were leaders in the community, in their church, and lived in the style fitting their status. I was the first granddaughter of their first daughter; I was loved.

When I was four, I was taken to the family's church. Church was a traditional cornerstone building housing massive pews. The pews had been polished with beeswax so much that the stained glass windows reflected on them like mirrors and I would slide off unless I sat very still, which I did. No one made a sound except the choir dressed in formal blood red robes and the ministers dressed in stiff black gowns. Children were expected to sit through the entire service; hands in lap, feet crossed at the ankles. The ministers would stand at the twin pulpits and raise fists in the air, yell and scream at the congregation. I would keep my head bowed to avoid looking at them and the life-sized carving of Jesus on the cross. God, at this church, wanted his sinners to repent and pray for forgiveness. I would ask this God to take away my temper (Mama said that it was a sin) and help me to love chocolate less, and my baby sister more.

Five years later, two events changed my opinion of who God was and that I might get to know Him. My maternal grandfather passed away and I had my first spiritual moment. The night after gramps died, he came and visited me. He wore a dark suit, crisp white shirt, red tie, and his Masonic pin on his lapel. He took the pin, pinned it to my nightgown, and said that he was so sorry to leave me but so happy to be with God. I needed to know that I could talk to him and Him whenever; both God and he would love me forever unconditionally. I had always known that about gramps, but the God I'd known seemed to put a lot of restrictions on His love.

The second event was that we moved next door to a young minister who was just starting his first church in our new neighborhood. He became my first religious mentor. We had talks about church and God. I started going with him to the new church. He started a youth group and church became the place to learn about and discuss God with teachers and friends. Much later, he married John and me in that church.

Fast forward twenty-five years; John and I were raising our family in Bowie, Maryland. After asking God to help find us a church where my children, Matt and Leesa, could have as positive an experience as mine; a visit to CCPC answered my prayers. Dave Loomis was their first religious mentor, teacher, adult pal, play director, and more.

Again, fast forward a lot of years to Spring 2015. After surviving a brutal winter with classes at the senior center, circle, and book club prompting me to not only get out of the house but to thrive. I was searching for more. I was looking for a way to be of service at CCPC when I attended a workshop for Stephen Ministries. Since I was sitting at the same table as James, I told him how this program sparked my desire to use my experiences with home care giving, Hospice, and Elder Care. I read over all the materials and waited to be contacted about when training classes would be held.

When I received the call, not about classes, but instead asking if I would be a Deacon; once again, I knew that God had a better plan for me.

<u>Jackie Lindbeck</u>—I grew up in a coal-mining town in West Virginia. My father was a country doctor for the mine. After high school, I attended WVA University for two years in pre-nursing and then attended the University of Pennsylvania for three years, graduating with a degree in Nursing. I started my nursing career as a clinical instructor at Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh.

I met Lloyd Lindbeck at Third Presbyterian Church and we married in 1958. We began our family life, which included three sons. In 1964, we moved to Bowie following Lloyd's career in nuclear engineering. We transferred our membership from the Third Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh to CCPC. I became active in activities of CCPC such as teaching Sunday school, VBS, and a children's choir with the support of Dave Loomis.

In 1970, I began graduate school in nursing and worked at Glenn Dale TBC hospital. At that time in life, my time was spent working with the local 4-H Club, Cub Scouts at the local level and regional level. I was very involved in my professional

work of teaching nursing. Due to time constraints, I became a fringe member of CCPC until the early 1990's and realized that God's work is not only in the physical church. I began attending church regularly, joined the choir, and served as a deacon for three years. I have never been very verbal of my faith, but God has been guiding me and rescuing me from my various ways. He continues to guide me as I continue to learn more of how to be more accepting of His guidance. This is my statement of my spiritual journey now and the future is to be revealed.

<u>Betsy McArdle</u>—(written by CCPC) Betsy started attending CCPC after attending the funeral of her neighbor, Bud Hillman. She joined CCPC in May 2010, and has been a faithful member of the Clinquant Choir.

<u>Sherry Saylors</u>—CCPC has been the foundation of our life from the days of being young parents to now as I contemplate joining Marshall in retirement. We moved into CCPC a day after we moved into our Bowie home thirty-five years ago. When we moved back to Bowie after a two-year reassignment in New Jersey, we chose our new home because it was across the street from Jack and Mary Frances Jones. In the beginning, I drew great strength and fellowship from Charity Circle and then later in Hope Circle as well as at women's retreats.

Our children grew up in Sunday school and youth group. I remember Bible School fondly, especially when Dee McCarty and I helped twenty three-year olds transform from panic-stricken toddlers leaving their mothers for the first time to enthusiastic learners. I was able to share my talents with CCPC by directing a children's play and also CCPC's first handbell choir. After supporting Marshall in his roles as deacon and elder, I became a deacon myself fifteen years ago.

Today, we are parents of three adult children and proud grandparents to eight-year-old Tyler. Marshall and I sing in the choir, and I occasionally join Susan in a piano-organ duet. I am an enthusiastic member of the Health and Healing ministry, joining the group at the Kobe's when I am not teaching a class. I have taught English at Prince George's Community College for twenty-one years, and I thoroughly enjoy leading students through the rigors of freshman comp., writing about literature, technical writing, and especially grammar.

For years, I played the organ regularly at other churches but always considered CCPC home. Now, I have moved to playing for two churches twice each month, so I have more time at CCPC. I am excited to begin this new chapter in my life in which I return to being a deacon. I look forward to sharing the gift of Christ's presence through nurturing and caregiving as I myself receive daily reminders of His care.

Deborah Sell—Deborah Ardan Sell, or Debbie Sell, mother to Heather and Caitlyn and wife to Paul, was born in Washington, DC in 1951. She has lived in Prince George's County for most of her life. The Sell family moved to Bowie from Fort Washington in 2000 where they became members of the CCPC family. Prior to life in Bowie, they were active in the life of Unity Presbyterian in Temple Hills, Maryland. Debbie was a product of the public school system, having graduated from Crossland High School in 1969. From there she went on to get a BA from Wake Forest University and a Master's in Library Science from the University of Maryland at College Park. While officially a Terp, her heart belongs to the Demon Deacons. She went on to serve as a senior reference librarian at the Joint Military Intelligence College. She retired from there in 2006 after a service of 32 years in the federal government. She and Paul chose to affiliate with CCPC because of its heart for service. Both she and Paul remain active in the life of the church, especially the Mission Council, and hope to remain active for the foreseeable future.

ELDERS CLASS OF 2019

<u>Carrie Bence</u>—Carrie has been attending church at CCPC since a child. Her parents Peggy and Skip Oates joined the church in the early 1980's. Carrie joined the church in 9th grade and was an active member in the youth group. Carrie grew up in Bowie and graduated from Bowie High in 1997 and attended Frostburg State and graduated with a BS in Accounting and later on received an MBA from UMUC. She currently works as a full-time proposal analyst for Lockheed Martin. Carrie and her husband, Brad Bence, have 2 kids, Finn (age 5) and Lily (age 2). Carrie is enjoying seeing her kids get the same experience of developing a faith in God and fellowship as she did here at CCPC.

<u>Brian Cable</u>—Brian was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Bowie. He started attending CCPC when he was in grade school. He attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School and started his career as an Aerospace Engineer at the Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, MD. He met his wife, Patti, at the University of Maryland more than 30 years ago. While liv-

ing in Lexington Park, Brian, Patti, and their two sons attended several different churches. When Brian's job as a Safety Inspector and now Manager at the FAA brought them back to Bowie in 1999, they were very happy to once again attend CCPC. Brian has been a member of CCPC since the mid-70s; Patti was baptized here with their boys, and both Steven and Patrick were confirmed at CCPC. Growing up, Brian participated in youth group activities. He taught the Middle School Sunday School class for 2 years and has served 1 and a half previous terms as an Elder. Brian is looking forward to working with CCPC Personnel once again.

<u>Steve Donoian</u>—I was born in Washington, DC and raised in Rockville, MD. I was baptized and received my first Christian education in the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Rockville. My family and I moved to Bowie in the summer of 1963. I was educated in the Prince George's County school system. I took confirmation classes at CCPC and became a member in 1967. My family and I moved to Davidsonville in June of 1973. CCPC is the only church that I have belonged to but I have to admit that I did drift away for a while. I have now been attending on a regular basis for the last 20 years or so.

As for my professional career, I have worked in the accounting field for my entire career. I did graduate from American University with a degree in accounting in 1977. After that, I worked at a food service company, Coca-Cola, and I spent the last 22 years at a large fence manufacturer in Bladensburg, MD. I was CFO for that company. I fully retired in May of 2012. I did move to Elkridge while I was working but I moved back in with my family in 1998 to help out with my Mom and Dad. I truly look forward to serving God and my church in any way that I can.

Joi Kesner—Joi, the youngest of five children was born and raised in Prince George's County, Maryland. She received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Doctorate of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland. Joi is employed by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health where she provides dental services to children and pregnant women. Joi, Victoria, and Rebecca started attending CCPC in 2005 and became members in June 2006. Since joining CCPC, Joi has kept active in the church by teaching Sunday School, serving as a Deacon, joining Grace and Glory Circle, attending Women's retreats, participating in Habitat for Humanity mission trips, as well as volunteering for many activities involving children and youth ministries. In 2007, Joi and Brian met here at CCPC, and they were married at CCPC in 2009. In her spare time, Joi enjoys going to the beach, traveling, camping with family and friends, and visiting the Kesner family property in the mountains of West Virginia.

Emelie Rubin—I was raised in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, a small town in the Poconos. My family and I attended the First Presbyterian Church of Stroudsburg, where I was active in Sunday School, youth mission trips, and was a Deacon. After graduating from high school and from Lafayette College, my husband, Danny, and I moved to Maryland for graduate school. I received my Masters in Library Science (Archives) in 2004 and have worked as an archivist since that time. I am currently the University Archivist at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and a stay at home mother to my two daughters, Elliot (5) and Charlotte (2). After attending a few different Presbyterian churches in the area, I became a member at CCPC in 2011. I look forward to continuing to assist with children's ministry as a Sunday School teacher and by becoming an Elder.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

✓ 1 Peter 4:10
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The Brock Family & 7EAM Japan

The Brock Family



We are Stephen and Kaytlin Brock. God has been at work in our lives for more than a decade, drawing us toward Japan. In that time, He's been preparing us to serve Him by loving and ministering to its people. We are so excited to be used by Him in Japan, just as He's used us here to lead Bible studies, encourage other believers and in outreach ministries. All of the talents, passions, and gifts He's given us will be used to support and strengthen the Japanese church.

Along with TEAM Japan, we envision reproducing churches thriving and multiplying throughout Japan, passing on the Gospel in a culturally relevant way to future generations through Japanese believers.

TEAM JAPAN

Why does Japan need missionaries?

Japan has the second largest unreached group of people in the world. Suicides in Japan happen roughly every 15 minutes. Suicide is the leading cause of death among men aged 20 to 44 and women aged 15 to 34. Many Japanese young people suffer from acute social withdrawal called *hikikomori*. Most churches have fewer than 30 members, many have fewer than 10. Many towns and at least eight cities are without a church. There is roughly only one missionary to every 53,000 people in Japan.

The Body of Christ in Japan is spread thin and in need of encouragement. Pastors are often overworked; most are between 60 and 70 years old without a successor to replace them. In general, the already small church population is aging and there are few men and young people coming to faith.

Still, there is a growing sense that God is preparing for something big in Japan. The number of missionaries, once in decline, appears to be increasing. New ideas in how to reach the Japanese are gaining momentum and the people are becoming more open to the Gospel.

We are eager to join the Japanese church in their ministry and to minister to them! It is our prayer that God will lead us to men and women of faith that will join it along with us. It is our pleasure to answer any questions you have and share more information with you, so you can know if this is something God is calling you to as well.

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Save the Date!

August 28, 2016 from 1 PM to 4 PM Allen Pond Park, West Pavillion

Join us for steamed crabs or crab cakes, grilled chicken, corn on the cobb, watermelon, and more!

Bring your own drinks and utensils.

Cost is \$30.00 per ticket for picking crabs or for a (special order) crab cake \$10.00 ages 6 – 16 and adults not eating crabs. Free for ages 0 – 5



Tickets will be sold after church on August 7, 14, or 21.

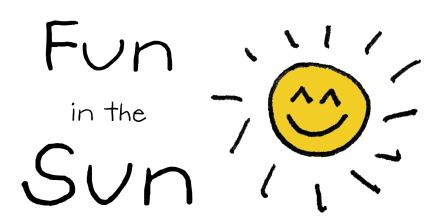
For questions or offers of help, please contact Barbara Engh at 301-906-6850 or bengh1@verizon.net



There will be a birthday celebration on July 3rd after the worship service in Dodds Hall for Charles Casto!

All are welcome!





Summer Pool Parties!

Rev. James and Andrea will be hosting two pool parties this summer.

There will be swimming, games, food, and fun!

Join them at their house (4701 Ramsgate Lane, Bowie 20715) on the following days and times:



Youth Pool Party

Sunday, July 10th from 2 to 6 PM

Children's Ministry Pool Party

Sunday, August 14th from Noon to 2 PM

Directory Updates

Please change Patty and Ken Adams phone number to 941-375-9951. This is their primary phone number.

Thank You!

A huge shout out and thank you to everyone who volunteered at Vacation Bible School Cave Quest: Following Jesus The Light of the World. Fifty-seven kids and all our volunteers (more than 60) went on daily adventures over rivers and through caves as they gained a rock solid foundation and greater understanding of Jesus' love through the Bible lessons and memory verses, music, crafts, and games. Every volunteer was greatly appreciated and helped make the week a success.

Justin and the Children's Ministry Team

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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
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.lmagineThePlace.com, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail info@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.