



This is the time of year when we not only talk about giving, we give.

On Sunday, November 6th, CCPC will hold our Annual Alternative Christmas Market in Dodds Hall. I know of no better way to teach children (and adults) that "Christmas is not your birthday." A colleague of mine recommends his members simplify their Christmas shopping by spending half of what they typically would spend and bring an equal amount for mission causes they support. Apparently, you have caught a similar spirit. In recent years, CCPC members and friends (we invite you to bring others to this event) have donated about \$20,000 annually to causes international and local. All proceeds for the day, including all donations for the luncheon, go to our mission programs.

An article in last Sunday's edition of the *Washington Post* asked the question: What motivates generosity? Is it a good story? An emotional appeal? Is it proximity to great need? Unfortunately, it seems that in America the higher one moves up the income scale, the percentage of giving goes down. The *Chronicle of Philanthropy* research showed that affluent people in homogeneous wealthy zip codes are less generous than equally affluent people in mixed-income communities. If you seldom see a homeless person or you don't drive in parts of towns where the housing is modest or rundown, it is easier to forget about people in need. Out of sight, out of mind.

I am an advocate for mission work in all settings: local and international. Responding to great need that you see up close and in person changes you. Much of our mission is in places where need is dire. We support schools in Sudan. We support four missionary families serving in Latin America and in east Africa. 24 youth and adults from CCPC traveled to Mexico in July to build homes. In January another team will go to install another clean water system in Honduras. This international work is in addition to our support of homeless programs in the county and our support of the Bowie Food Pantry.

The author of the *Post* article told of a conversation she had with someone who runs a large urban *Habitat for Humanity* affiliate. On the first day of construction, retired guys from the suburbs show up with their power tools itching to get to work. They get introduced to the future homeowner, often a single mother with young teens, who has never been on a construction site in their life. The volunteers and the working single mom have nothing in common. But as the weeks go by, one volunteer shows her how to use the circular saw. Another man shows her son how to properly use a hammer. They suffer together stapling up that itchy pink insulation on 100-degree summer days, and then put up the siding in the late fall on frosty mornings. Of course, there is lunchtime together telling stories and laughing about the day's mistakes that had to be done over. Then on the last day, there is a ceremony handing over the keys to the newly constructed home. The same group of people that didn't know each other several months of weekends before are now quite close. There is a different vibe. There is love and mutual appreciation for each other. The mother and her kids who are moving in are better off, but so are the suburban guys and their power tools. That's what generosity does to us.

Giving changes us and it changes our attitude about money. Tony Robbins often says, "Giving teaches your brain there is more than enough." Assisting the less fortunate can be a profound way to remind yourself of your true wealth.

Grace and peace,
James Brassard

On November 13th, there will be a Stewardship Dinner immediately following the 10:30 AM service, where we will dedicate our 2017 Estimate of Giving cards. The theme of this dinner will be "All Roads Lead to Christ." The dinner will have an international theme that reflects the ethnic diversity of our church. The church will provide turkey, Carl's famous mac and cheese, and beverages.

We would like each family to bring a dish that represents their ethnic background. You should also have a story to share about that food for discussion at your table.

We also need centerpieces for the table. Bring something with pictures, flowers, candles, etc. that express your ethnic heritage. As this is our Stewardship Sunday we wish that all families will try to attend.

Worship Notes

November 6th: The Story of Jonah is a delight for children and adults alike. The first *Veggie Tales* video generated \$25 million. The adult version in the Bible is equally compelling. It doesn't, however, end the way we were taught it in Sunday school. It ends with Jonah throwing a pity party because he would have preferred the people of Ninevah (a region near Mosel) to perish instead of believing in God and changing how they live. Tribal hatred does nasty things to our soul.

Remember to visit the Alternative Christmas Market: No adult education today.

November 13th: Stewardship Sunday. The text is the Call of the Prophet Isaiah: *Isaiah 6:1-8*. Unlike his fellow prophet Jonah, when God calls, the young prophet steps up and says, "Here I am, send me." At the end of the service, we will dedicate our "Estimate of Giving" cards for 2017 and then head to Dodds Hall for our International themed meal.



Obituaries

Helen Emilie MacCauley Botluk

Sadly, Lisa Botluk's mother, Helen Botluk, died September 30. She had been at AAMC and then Crofton Care since August 25. Lisa was working from home on Friday when the nurse called, so she was able to spend the afternoon with her mother and was there at the end. The funeral was on October 5, at the historic West Nottingham Presbyterian Church in Colora, Maryland. Rev. Donna Frischknecht-Jackson had a personal and uplifting message. Lisa's mom was buried next to her parents and her husband, Lisa's father. Two brothers and a sister of Lisa's are buried nearby.

Here is a link to Helen's obituary: <http://www.pattersonfuneralhomemd.com/obits/obituary.php?id=620704>

Roger Keith Layman

On Monday, October 3, 2016, Roger Layman of Bowie, MD passed away. He is survived by his wife, Amnoi Layman; daughter, Casey Rybak and her husband Michael. Preceded in death by his sister, Christina Kay Layman. Roger spent his life in public service, first in the U.S. Army, and then working for the State of Maryland and Federal Government. He continued his service after he retired as a member of the Bowie Lions Club where he was instrumental in collecting eye glasses for the sight impaired. A graveside service with military honors was held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD.

Gloria Hildebrand Moore

Gloria Hildebrand Moore, of Bowie, Maryland, passed away on October 7, 2016. She was 87. Gloria was born on November 7, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri, the daughter of the late James and Sadie Hildebrand. She spent most of her life growing up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before moving to Maryland. In 1949, she married Roy Moore and went on to raise four chil-

dren. Mr. Moore passed away in 2009. During her working years, Gloria was a bookkeeper for several automobile dealerships before beginning a career of over forty years as financial clerk with Prince George's County Department of Social Services. Gloria loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed going to church, vacations in Ocean City and the Outer Banks, reading, crocheting, listening to the music of Daniel O'Donnell, and watching the Washington Redskins. She's survived by her four children: Deborah (Glenn) Dyott, Susette (Dave) Richards, Fayne (Bonnie) Moore, and Kevin (Kim) Moore. Gloria was blessed to be Grandma to Stephen, Andrew, Wendy, Nathaniel, Ryan, and Emily, Great-grandma to Michael, Stephen, Jr., Lily, and Easton as well as Aunt Gloria to many nieces and nephews. There was never any doubt as to how proud Gloria was of her family. On Wednesday, October 12, a visitation was held at Evans Funeral Home, in Bowie, Maryland from 3:00-7:00 P.M. A memorial service was held at 7:00 P.M. Burial will be at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Cheltenham, Maryland at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Children.

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever"
~ Author unknown ~

Wardie Franklin Sumner

(July 17, 1918 - October 5, 2016)

Wardie Franklin "Frank" Sumner, 98, of Bowie, passed away on October 5, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Jane Kimmey Sumner, to whom he was married for 67 years. Frank was a kind, caring, loving, family-oriented, hard-working, honest man. The 54-year resident of Bowie enjoyed traveling with his family by motor home to visit friends and relatives. Frank logged many miles completing multiple cross-country trips.

Frank is also survived by a daughter, Patricia Jane Sumner and her husband Charles Mangano of Frederick and a son, William Kimmey Sumner and his wife Sandy of Gambrills; six grandchildren: Christopher Franklin Sumner and his wife Katherine, Shawn O'Quinn, Jessica O'Quinn, Kimberly Miller and her husband Curtis, Tyler Sumner and Zachary Sumner; two great-grandchildren: Cynthia and Chase; three brothers: Everett of Quarryville, PA, William of Oxford, PA and Norman and his wife Ruth of Ambler, PA; two sisters, Margaret Blackburn and her husband Ralph of Oxford and Ruth Ann Ross and her husband Richard of Aston, PA; a sister-in-law, Edith Sumner, Oxford, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann L. Sumner, and three brothers, George, Hubert and Martin Sumner.

Frank was born in Christiansburg, Virginia, the first of nine children of the late William Wardie Sumner and Annie Lee (Adkins) Sumner. He grew up on the family dairy farm near Oxford, Pa. He graduated from the University of Delaware in 1940 with a degree in Agricultural Education. Later that summer tragedy struck when his father was suddenly killed in a farming accident. Thus, at age 22 began Frank's family responsibilities to his "first" family which continued through his "third" family when he and Jane became guardians for their first grandson. During WWII, Frank served with the United States Army Air Forces. He worked for Ralston Purina, Nationwide Insurance and retired from the Maryland State Department of Education.

If desired, contributions may be made in his memory to Christian Community Presbyterian Church,
3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the Botluk,
Layman, Moore, and Sumner families.*



Adult Education

The Great Preachers series resumes on November 13th, with Gary Cox talking about Billy Graham. Justin Devine will follow on November 20th, presenting two contemporary preachers. Join us at 9:30 AM in the Adult Education Conference room.

A Big Hurray!

We would like to give a huge shout out to Patrick Cable who flew to San Francisco to receive an award for being the outstanding chemical engineering student in his freshman class at the University of Maryland! Congratulations, Patrick! Great Job!

Coffee Makers Needed!

We will be starting a sign-up sheet for Sunday morning coffee making. We are looking for people to set-up Sunday morning coffee. Making coffee will consist of setting up the coffee before the first service, coffee is usually ready by the end of the first service, which is 9 to 9:15 AM, brewing takes around 40 minutes so set-up should start around 8 AM. Clean-up is not required. We are looking for people to sign-up for 2 weeks; a sign-up sheet will be available by the coffee station. Please contact Carrie Bence 240-535-4411 / oates23@hotmail.com or Kemi Komlan 301-789-7816 / kemi.osho@aol.com if you have any questions.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our friends at CCPC for your outpouring of prayers, cards, emails, phone calls, and visits during Bob's recuperation from being assaulted on September 2. We are very grateful for your concern and encouragement. God Bless You All.
Bob and Kate McCamish

Tiger Lilies

We are reading "Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving. Here is a link to a book excerpt: <http://debbyirving.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Website-Book-Excerpt.pdf>. We will discuss "Mid-life Wakeup Calls," "Why Didn't I Wake Up Sooner," and "Rethinking Key Concepts." Please join us! Contact: Andrea Brassard 301-352-0075.

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste for Honduras

During last year's Living Waters for the World (LWW) mission trip to Honduras, the team visited Barnabas House, the clinic where we did our first water system installation. The nurses there told us they had a real need for toothbrushes and toothpaste for their patients. The LWW team would like to help supply this need. We invite you, the members of CCPC, to help by contributing kids and adult toothbrushes and toothpaste (around 3 oz. size because of weight limitations). There will be a box in the office for your donations.

Bowie High School's Music Department

Presents

Disney's
**High
School
Musical**

**Come out and support
CCPC's talented musicians:
Kevin Clemence, John Rogel, and Susan Ricci Rogel
And, cheer on Amanda Rogel,
who is performing in the play!**

**November 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 7 PM
November 6 and 13 at 2 PM**

**Tickets are \$9 Children, Students, and Seniors / \$12 Adults
Tickets go on sale starting October 31, 2016
bowietickets@gmail.com / Bowie High School / At the Door**

**Bowie Center for the Performing Arts
15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715
(301) 805-6880**

Christmas Market

Sunday, November 6th
9 AM to 1 PM

Give a Gift That Cares — your gift donation to any of the organizations given in the name of someone in your family, a friend, or a coworker will help improve the quality of life for people here and around the world. There will be tables representing organizations that work in Bowie, in the United States, and in countries from Honduras to South Sudan.

The gifts will provide disaster assistance, clean water, literacy instruction, animals, needed supplies for our fire department, animal shelter, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Whatever your heart calls you to, you will find an organization or project that is a perfect match. Some of the organizations represented are: Church World Service, Chikumbuso, Heifer Intl, Living Waters, Operation Christmas Child, Hospice of Chesapeake, Bowie VFD, CLAW (Citizens for Local Animal Welfare), PAS (Pet Assistance and Support program), Presbyterian Disaster Program, and Literacy at the Well in South Sudan.

Children will be encouraged to participate with gifts in their price range and a passport to travel to the various locations that they can help. There will be a Soup Kitchen to get a delicious, warm lunch and proceeds will go to the St. Matthews Housing Corporation. If anyone would like to help out in the soup kitchen, please contact Debbie Sell at 301-928-9267. This year we plan to have kid-friendly food of hot dogs and mac and cheese along with the soup. You can purchase your gifts and finish the shopping with a lunch and fellowship. If you have any questions you can call Sharon McNamara at 301-262-7060 or Kris Ross at 240-206-8787.



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

