

What does the data tell you? In April of 2016, 160 CCPC members participated in an extensive survey of congregational life. The survey is known as the CAT Scan (**Congregational Assessment Tool**). The Scan is like “holding a mirror up to the congregation and letting everyone tell us how they feel.” The news was encouraging. Compared to other congregations we scored high on energy and above average in satisfaction. The number one desire from members in all age groups was to *“Develop a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and to incorporate them into congregational life.”*

We took the initial data and got your input during last summer’s Deacon Cluster gatherings. From this additional data, we instituted some additional programs. We started Wednesday Night Live as an additional fellowship event. We added some additional hands-on mission projects (notably a second week of Warm Nights: May 14-21) and a multigenerational Mission Trip to West Virginia (June 25-July 1).

The survey indicated some significant differences along generational lines. 85% of survey takers over the age of 45 were very satisfied with worship and music. They indicated the music was *“outstanding in quality and appropriate in style”* to our congregation. However, the response in the under 45 age groups tells a different story. These members felt our style of worship was lacking in the experiential components that attract and retain younger members and visitors.

The survey data agreed with other data we have always collected, i.e., worship attendance. Since we moved to a blended service at 10:30 and a chapel/communion service at 8:30, we have not had any new members under the age of 50. Participation rates have been stable for our older members, but have leveled off and declined among younger members. When we have added contemporary music to the 10:30 service, there has been resistance because “we like things the way they are.”

We have noticed that when we introduce newer contemporary music during Children’s Sunday, Youth Sunday and the Christmas program, we have much higher participation rates among our younger members.

The CAT SCAN committee recommended that the Church go back to offering two different musical / liturgical styles of worship starting this coming fall. We will offer a contemporary Worship service at 9am and move our blended worship service back a half hour to 11am. Sunday School and Adult Education will start at 10am. We call this the **9-10-11** Schedule.

We designed this new schedule with several things in mind. First, we wanted the **least disruptive changes**. Throughout the history of CCPC’s contemporary worship services (The Folk Group and the recent Contemporary Service), have always been at the early service. We believe a 9am start time works better for younger members and their families.

After consultation with our existing musical staff, we have decided that this position requires a new staff person with experience in the emerging contemporary worship styles. The CAT Scan team recommended that Session appoint a search committee to hire a Contemporary Worship Leader for this service. This recommendation was approved by the Session at their April meeting.

The Contemporary Worship Leader will have the authority to select, integrate, and plan music for the early worship service. He/she will be responsible to recruit and train volunteers.

The Session appointed the following members to the Search Committee. Elder Brian Cable (Chair), Susan Ricci Rogel (Music Director), Justin Devine (CE Director), Elders Alex Bourne, Joi Kesner, and Carrie Bence. At large: Kimberly Dziduch, Debbie Armstrong (Deacon), Youth member Alexis Ayuketah. Kevin Clemence and Rev. Brassard will also be helping with the selection process.

We have posted the position on two church staffing websites. Our goal is to have someone in place for the September 10 fall start up. We will again use the summer Deacon Cluster gatherings to answer your questions and to further explain the rationale for these new ventures.

Thank you for your support and flexibility as we try to further the reach and impact of CCPC.

James Brassard

Memorial Brick Ceremony

Brick Order Deadline

The Annual Memorial Brick Ceremony will be held at
12 Noon on Sunday, September 24, 2017

**The deadline for brick orders is by
9 AM, Friday, June 30th**

(Please note this is a strict deadline as time is needed for the orders to be processed, the bricks to be made, delivered to the shop, picked up from the shop, then laid in the pathway.)

Bricks are \$50.00 each. The order forms are in the church office. You can stop by and pick up one or give Robin a call and have her send you one.

For more information, please contact Robin in the church office by email to ccpcbowie@verizon.net or by calling 301-262-6008.

Worship Notes

May 14th Mother Day: We begin a three-week series on *Book of Galatians*. Chapter 2 trumpets what becomes the great Reformation call “Justification by Faith.” A growing church tries to open its doors to people who lacked the beliefs and practices of the existing members. Conflict explodes! *Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21* and *Acts 15:1-18*. Title of sermon “Whose Bridge Too Far?” The Presbyterian Women will present their “Woman of the Year” award.

May 21st Music Sunday: Sermon is from *Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29*. Paul makes the argument that it is possible to be loved and accepted by God while we are still sinful and imperfect. Once we are accepted by God, we begin the process of becoming part of God’s family. This includes following God’s rules.

Everyone is invited to Dodds Hall at 9:30am for breakfast and the closing ceremonies for the Sunday School term. Bibles will be presented; teachers will be honored. We will conclude the gathering by processing into the Sanctuary for the special music that begins Music Sunday.

A congregational meeting to elect Elders and Deacons will immediately follow the 10:30 service on May 21st..

May 28 Memorial Day: One Service only at 10:30am. American’s celebrate our freedoms. In *Galatians 5:1*, the Apostle Paul boldly proclaims, “For freedom, Christ has set us free.” Everything about the Christian gospel is freedom. Jesus’ whole mission was to liberate. However, Paul then warns of the dangers in misusing our freedoms. Sermon title: “Freedom: Don’t Lose It and Don’t Abuse It.”

Also, the City of Bowie will be holding their annual Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 27, 2017. The parade will begin at 11 am and end approximately 1 pm. The route will be the same as last year’s, which starts at Bowie High School Annex on Belair Drive, turning right and

continuing down toward Sussex Lane, directly pass CCPC.

Please note the road in front of the church will be closed during this time. You will not be able to drive on Belair Drive or into the church parking lot.

Special Services in June

June 4th is Youth Sunday with Justin Devine preaching

June 11th is Presbyterian Women of the Church Sunday with Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

June 18th is Folk Group Reunion Sunday — Dorothy Parris will lead the singing with Folk Group alumni. Hal Pease will preach

June 25th is Service of Ordination and Installation of Officers Sunday

Folk Group Reunion

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Sunday, June 18, 2017
10: 30 AM in the Sanctuary**



Harold Pease will
be preaching

Dorothy Parris will be
leading the folk group

For more information,
please contact:

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Knits with Sticks



At the May 2017 Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, CCPC Knits with Sticks donated a lap blanket to the *67 Blankets for Mandela* project, which will be donated to the homeless in our area. This is the second year we have donated a blanket, and last year, they sent us a thank you for our efforts and put pictures on their website. For more details regarding the *67 Blankets for*

Mandela project, here is a link to their website: www.67blankets.co.za



CCPC are Building in Rainelle West Virginia from
June 25th - July 1st

We will be staying at the Highland First Church of God. We are building for a couple that lost their mobile home during the flooding in Rainelle last year.

You may contact Justin @ ccpcdirced@verison.net or Joi Kesner @ jvkesner@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

Scrip Orders

May 21st

We began taking scrip gift card orders on May 14th. We will be taking them on May 21st too, so don't miss out!

You can find forms in the Atrium.

Your support goes to the Youth's trip to Montreat this summer.



**Christian
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**Vacation Bible
School (VBS)**

Hero Central

Discover Your Strength in God!

June 19 - 22, 2016 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

For: Children age 3 (potty trained) through Grade 5 (Fall 2016)

Kids will spend each evening of awesome adventures alongside the Heros of the Bible and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. We will spend the week jetting through activity stations, including Heroic Bible Quests, crafty crafts, and Heroic Adventure Games with their Super Hero Crews. VBS stations are designed to reinforce the daily Bible Point in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged. Children & volunteers will visit the Hero Central Cafe each evening for dinner.

Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 34:14

REGISTRATION DUE: June 12, 2016

FEE: \$10.00 for 1 child or \$15.00 for 2+ children

****Scholarships available****

To give your child the best Vacation Bible School experience possible: Register by June 12.
Help us have the right number of teachers, supplies, food and nametags ready.

Questions

Please contact Justin Devine at ccpcdirced@verizon.net or 707-344-3325

Wednesday Night Live

Last One for season!

On May 17, come on out for our last Wednesday Night Live event for 2017. Enjoy an hour of food, fun, and fellowship. Entertainment will start at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 pm in Dodds Hall, so bring a friend and your appetite while enjoying a family friendly activity and a midweek message.

Playground Meet Up



Calling all kids! Join us on the CCPC playground every Saturday at 9:30am for playtime and socializing (weather permitting).

We plan to continue meeting weekly through the spring and summer.

Children's Ministry News!

Thank you to all those who helped with preparations for and during the Easter activities for the kids!

Thank you to everyone who made the Children's Sunday Service such a success!

Last day of Sunday School, on May 21st, will be an end of year celebration at 9:30 am and all are invited. Fourth grade Bibles will be distributed as well as recognition of students & teachers. Continental breakfast will be provided. Please come celebrate the end of the Sunday School year! Everyone is welcome.

Anyone interested with helping with Baby Church should contact Alex Bourne (ammather@gail.com) or Emelie Rubin (emelie.rubin@gmail.com).

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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.