

On September 10, 2017, CCPC will debut a Contemporary Service at the 9 o'clock hour. To prepare for this new service, CCPC has worked hard to find a worship team leader to lead the music for this service. However, this person cannot do this job without your help. We need singers and instrumentalists who would like to be a part of this service. Rehearsals will be held in August (August 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th) on Wednesday nights from 7-9pm. Feel free to come to all or just one of the rehearsals. Experience is not required. Bring your instrument or try some of the songs. Even if you think singing is not your thing, come and watch. You may surprise yourself! Each service, beginning in September, will need several instrumentalists and several singers to help the congregation learn the songs. You are not committing yourself to be available at each service. We would like to have a preview at the August 27th service (10:30 AM) to show the congregation what it will be like. Spread the word and bring a friend! This can only become a great service with your help!

You can address any questions to Astrid Jonas, Elder for Worship, or any of our CCPC staff members.

Respectfully submitted,
Astrid Jonas
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In 2017, we will commemorate the five hundredth anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the Ninety-five Theses to the front door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517. This event triggered what is known as the Reformation. The Reformation unwittingly launched so long ago has ended up having enormous influences over the past five centuries. Politically, socially, economically, and culturally, the Reformation has helped to mold the world we live in today.

The Spirit of the Reformation was deeply communal and contextual. While the Protestant Church (so named because it arose as a protest about some of the Roman Catholics practices) is often heralded by citing the unique contribution of John Calvin and Martin Luther, there were hundreds of local pastors and congregations creating their new ways of worshipping.

In claiming the Catholic Church had erred in several decisions, Luther asserted that the scriptures are the sole authority for Christians and the church. "Sola Scripture" became the rallying cry of Reformers. Since those days, the church has had plenty of arguments as to what the words of scripture tell us to

believe and how to act.

To open our year of Reformation remembrance, we will have five preachers share how they have come to interpret the scriptures. Each of these five preachers grew up in the church. They went to college and then to seminary and then served as preachers in different settings. In a series we will call: "Sola Scriptura: One Text, Many Interpretations," we will hear how the Holy Spirit, working in the church and in the mind and heart of the preacher, influences their preaching. Each will share how they place a high value on the scriptures and how they continue to be guided by the word of God.

Here is the schedule for these five weeks and the text they will use.

August 6: Hal Pease, *Luke 6:1-5* and *John 5:36b-37, 39-40*

August 13: Gary Cox, *Matthew 5:1-12*

August 20: Dick Neff, *Luke 18:21-35*

August 27: Justin Devine, *Roman's 10*

September 3: James Brassard, *Luke 15:11-32*

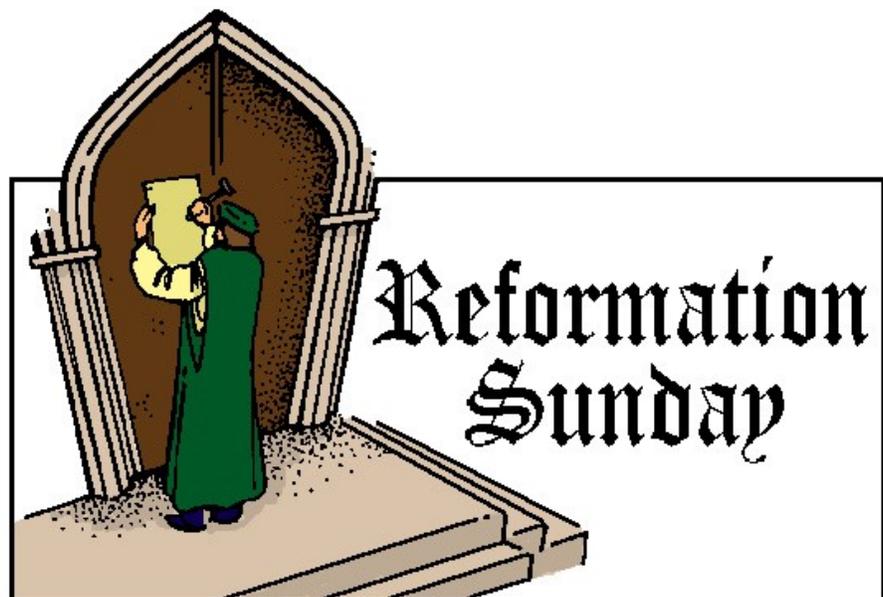
During the services on August 6, 13, and 27— we will hear testimonies about the recently completed work camp in Rainelle, West Virginia.

On August 27, we will hear a sample of the music that will be at the 9am service in the fall.

On August 20, we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Dick Neff's Ordination.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard



Births

Welcome!



Mateo Sebastian Flores Levitan

Born on June 17, 2017
8 lbs., 8 oz., 21-1/2"

Proud parents are Mark Levitan and Olga Flores Levitan,
and overjoyed grandma is Margaret Levitan.

Congratulations to the Flores and Levitan families!



Welcome!

Savannah Grace Moody

Born on June 27, 2017

Savannah joins her big sister Riley, proud parents Michelle
and Chuckie Moody, delighted grandma Denise Storke, and thrilled
great-grandparents Ken and Patty Adams.

Congratulations to the Moody, Storke, and Adams families!



Counters Needed

We need volunteers for a two-person team of counters for the 5th Sunday of every month. Please note this only comes up four or five times per year. Steve Donoian will provide the training. If you are interested, please see him in church or you can call him at 301-261-7941.

Directory Update

Please update your directory with the following:

Andrea Brassard has a new email address: andreabelanusbrassard@gmail.com

Lost & Found

A small change purse with some money in it was found in the Narthex on Sunday, July 2. If this is yours, please contact Robin in the church office at 301-262-6008.

Cluster Gatherings!

July 16th, we had our first Annual Summer Cluster Gathering! If you didn't get a chance to join us, we hope you can join one of the ones listed below. If you do not know what cluster you are in, please contact Jan Butler, 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.

All gatherings will be in Dodds Hall after the 10:30am worship service.

Sunday, July 23rd
Clusters 3, 12, and 15

Sunday, July 30th
Clusters 4, 6, and 8

Sunday, August 6th
Clusters 7, 11, and 14

Sunday, August 13th
Clusters 1, 5, and 10

Knits with Sticks

CCPC's Knits with Sticks is working on another afghan for the *67 Blankets for Mandela* project, to be donated next May at the *Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival*. These blankets are donated to the homeless in our area.

If you are interested in contributing a 9-inch square, pick up some donated yarn in our yarn closet and start knitting or crocheting. Suggested knitting pattern sheets are on the community table in the Atrium. Donations are to be placed in the clear plastic bag on the top shelf of the yarn closet. Please attach a card with your name on your donation so we can add you to the list of donors.

Many thanks,
Priscilla Bouic — 301-262-4906

VBS Follow Up

A huge shout out and thank you to everyone who volunteered at Vacation Bible School Hero Central: Discovering Your Strength in God. Fifty-two kids and all of our volunteers (more than 50) learned lessons about Hoper, Heart, Wisdom, Courage, and Power. While gaining a greater understanding of how God can turn anyone of us into one of His heroes. We had an incredible decorating team and awesome Station managers at lessons, music, crafts, super sciences, and games. We had great dinnertime crews and over 20 Youth helpers were involved as well! Every volunteer was greatly appreciated and helped make the week a success.

Justin and the Children's Ministry Team

Deacon & Elder Biographies Class of 2020

Mercy Arrey (Deacon)—My name is Mercy Arrey. I was born and raised in the Presbyterian Church. I have 3 kids: 2 grown (1 niece and 1 nephew) that I call my children and 1 daughter that I am in the process of adopting. I am a nurse and I teach on a contract basis at Prince George's Community College. I am honored to be part of your church and I will be honored to serve this community.

Pat Ashby (Deacon)—Gary and I moved to Bowie in September of 1974 with two daughters, Jennifer and Tricia. As members of CCPC, we found great fellowship and comfort in raising the girls. Gary served as a Deacon while I taught Sunday School, served as a counter for offering, performed the annual audits along with Janet Tillotson, served on the “new” sanctuary building committee, belonged to Joy Circle and participated in as many activities as we could. Both girls found friends and sang with the Folk group.

During these early years, I taught classes in business at Prince George's Community College after substituting at Bowie High School. This triggered my interest in accounting. Gary received orders (US Navy) to Mayport, FL for two years so I chose to return to college for a second Bachelor degree - this time in Accounting. When we returned to Bowie in 1980, I sat for and passed the CPA exam. I joined a CPA firm in Clinton, MD around 1985.

Both Gary and I were born and raised in Illinois and Gary's heart remained in IL. When a job opportunity became available at Scott AFB with NSA, he wanted to apply. And so we left Bowie in 1995.

Our church membership was transferred to United Presbyterian Church in Collinsville, IL but we didn't stay long. I was asked to serve on a task force by Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery to start a new church in O'Fallon, IL. It was our task to bring “seekers” and those who have ceased attending church back to Christ. Presbytery funded several pastors over the 18 years the small dedicated few worked to fulfill our purpose. But in the end, New Creation Presbyterian Church folded into a large Presbyterian church in Belleville, IL.

Gary passed away in 2010 from Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. I had worked part-time for a local CPA firm for about five years. During the next couple of years, both my parents passed away. And that brought me back to Maryland where both the girls remain. This move has brought me new interests and much satisfaction being near friends of years ago and enjoying the nearness of our children. I hope to contribute to CCPC once more and serve the greater good as a member of the Body of Christ.

Tracy Backus (Deacon)—Tracy joined CCPC in 2002 when she and her husband of 26 years, John, moved back to Maryland after eight years in South Florida. John has been a member of CCPC most of his life, being originally from Bowie but Tracy grew up in South Florida. Tracy is Carrie Casto's sister-in-law by marriage to John.

Tracy is a graduate of the University of Georgia with an Interior Design degree. She provided design ideas and worked to refresh Dodd's Hall in 2004. She is currently a member of the Grace and Glory Women's Circle at CCPC, has shared her passion for cooking by providing meals for the Almost Heaven West Virginia Habitat team in 2015, and is a passionate gardener at her home in Crofton. Tracy has served as an elder at CCPC, is a member of Mission Council, and was one of the original Living Water's Honduran Mission team members. She and John traveled to Honduras for the first five years with the Taners and others until 2013. She is very excited about being a deacon as it fuels her nurturing nature and her ability to give to others.

Rachel Oben (Deacon)—I was born into the church and have been a Presbyterian all these years. I did receive Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior at a tender age. Growing up, I have served in different capacities: youth fellowship, bible study team leader, prayer and outreach ministries. I joined CCPC in September 2007 when I reunited with my husband James Oben and got our two adorable kids in this congregation (Ryan and MaryAnn).

Many people and events have encouraged me as I have grown spiritually. Presently, I work as a Registered Nurse serving as a staff development manager in a healthcare institution.

My prayer for CCPC in general and my cluster members, in particular, is that we will grow in love and service for one another that our passion for the needs of others will radiate into the community and the world.

Karin Rice (Deacon)—Karin was born in a small town in northern Florida. Itching to get out and see more of the world, she couldn't wait to go away to college in Tennessee. Karin started her career at NASA training astronauts at Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX. While on travel for an engineering conference in Montana she met Kevin Rice from Bowie, MD. With a diamond ring on her finger, she then transferred to the Hubble Space Telescope project at Goddard Space Flight Center to finally live in the same state as her fiancé. Shortly after their wedding, Karin was baptized for the first time in her life at CCPC and tied on a construction belt to help Habitat for Humanity in West Virginia. Currently, Karin is writing books and taking care of her two children, Ella & Bobby, in Severna Park. She enjoys ushering, giving children sermons, singing in the summer choir, and looks forward to serving the church as a Deacon.

Judy Frank (Elder)—Moved to Bowie on November 2, 1961, with husband Allen. Was in attendance at the first service of CCPC at the home of Rev. Dewey Dodds. Served twice previously as an Elder, was on the Nominating Committee who invited Richard Neff to become our pastor and sang in the choir for many years. Was instrumental in establishing the Bowie Interfaith Pantry as well as the Bowie Emergency Fund. Had two children, Timothy, who now resides in Wisconsin with his wife and two sons and Shelley, deceased. Lived in England for three years in the seventies as husband worked for Department of Defense. Retired September 2016 as Business Manager of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Landover Hills for 24 years. Previously was employed for 10 years as Accounting Manager for a regional office of a Baltimore-based commercial insurance firm. I look forward to enriching my faith as I again serve and share my talents with CCPC.

Astrid Jonas (Elder)—In April 1980, I came to the United States to work at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, DC. During the five-years at the Embassy, I met and married my husband, Bruce. We have three daughters who were all part of CCPC. I transferred my membership from Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church to CCPC in July 1991.

During my time at the Embassy, I attended the University of Maryland to get my bachelor's degree and continued on to Loyola College in Baltimore to get a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology. Since 1999, I have been working at Saint Luke Institute doing neuropsychological testing. Saint Luke is a mental health hospital providing mental health care for Roman Catholic clergy in crisis.

I have been on Session as an Elder and have been a Deacon several times. I joined the choir when Jon Youngdahl was music director and continued under the leadership of Susan Ricci Rogel. A couple of years ago, I finished training in Stephen Ministry and am currently active in that role.

I am looking forward to being an Elder on the Worship Council, taking over the term of Anita Pesses.

Jane Mellow (Elder)—Jane Mellow grew up in West Virginia. She has been a member of CCPC for eight years. Jane has worked on Capitol Hill and in the Obama Administration in a variety of policy and communications leadership roles. She previously served as a deacon in her church in West Virginia and this is her second term in CCPC's session. Jane is the mother of 15-year-old twins, Wesley and Caitlin Shoemaker. She lives in Bowie with her husband, Joe, their twins, and their three cats.

Bridget Peters (Elder)—If I were to introduce myself just by using one word, the word would be "spoilt." Growing up in a family of fourteen I was a daddy's girl. I was constantly told by my parents, teachers, siblings, and friends as being different and all shared stories of events in my younger years that I took a stand and

made a difference. The aforementioned individuals provided me a blanket of love, lessons of integrity, and security to stay on the right path. To the outside world, I am a dancer, controversial, and troublesome. But to insiders, I am a life coach, a loyal friend, and a motivational speaker with a purpose. My most favorite verse, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48).

CCPC gave me the platform and a loving environment to learn more through serving as Deacon for three years. CCPC offered an environment that provided love and understanding to my four children, husband, and a multitude of friends. I received Christ as Lord and Savior since 1979 and witnessed the power of GOD and love from my maternal aunt (Margaret Beckeching). Her devotion, commitment, and love for Christ against all odds has resonated and placed me on this path. She once stated, "Giving your life to God keeps you alert and always full of joy but it is a challenge." Since 2003, when I joined CCPC, I have experienced the joy of serving and taken with strife the challenges of a Christian. As an Elder, it is a privilege to serve on the Outreach committee. I will make it my priority to continue to reach out of my comfort zone to bring in people from all communities to witness and enjoy God's love in their lives. I will continue asking God to grant me wisdom to share the love and understand what was passed on by my mentors and to cherish the term "spoilt."

Prior to joining CCPC, Dr. Bridget Peters was an active member at Christian Presbyterian Church in Houston Texas.

Ellen Wimbish (Elder)—Edith Ellen Henderson Wimbish was born January 30, 1949, in Pasadena, California to Dr. James and Betty Francis Henderson. At 18 months, the family moved to Tuskegee AL, due to my parents obtaining employment at Tuskegee University. I attended Chambliss Children's House first through the eighth grade. However, during my seventh grade of school, my family lived in France for a year due to my father taking a research position at a university in France. During that time, I attended a French public school and traveled throughout Europe. Upon return to Tuskegee, I completed the eighth grade in 1963. During the summer months of my youth, my family vacationed at Highland Beach, Maryland.

In 1963, I was one of 13 who was selected to attend the first integrated high school in Alabama. Due to the uncertainty of the school situation in Alabama in 1964, my sister and I were enrolled in Allen High School, an all-girls boarding school in Ashville N.C. where I graduated with honors in 1967. After graduation from Allen High School, I returned to Tuskegee, to attend Tuskegee Institute (now University) where I majored in Clothing and Related Arts. During this time, my brother introduced me to his friend, Al Wimbish, and we married 6 weeks after my graduation from Tuskegee Institute in 1971. Al was enlisted in the US Air Force and I was able to travel with him to his duty stations, which included 3 years in Hawaii. After eight years of military service, we returned to Tuskegee where I decided to return to school to become a registered nurse. I subsequently received my Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1984. My nursing career included a nurse position at Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital for 10 years and nursing positions at various home health facilities in Illinois, Ohio, and Maryland, until my retirement in 2013. I was an ANA certified in Psychology and Mental Health and Wound and Ostomy Care during my career and have maintained my license in Alabama, Illinois, Ohio, and Maryland.

Presently, I am a part-time stylist consultant at David's Bridal. My services to the community include being an active member of Stephen Ministry at CCPC. My hobbies include gardening, butterfly and bird watching, fishing and computerized mahjong.

Jennifer Woods (Elder)—I grew up in Crofton, Maryland and I was very active in the life of CCPC during my childhood and young adult years. I have many fond memories of CCPC including Worship, Choir, Sunday School, VBS, Youth Group, and Youth Mission Trips. I'm very grateful to CCPC members Rex McDaniel, Peggy Oates, and Jon Youngdahl for their love and guidance during my adolescent years. Since college, I have moved to various places around the country and the world. About 10 years ago, I resumed my membership at CCPC, and I have participated in a number of programs in music, adult education, and children's ministry. Serving as Elder (for Adult Education) in the Class of 2020 will be my first formal leadership role at CCPC and I am looking forward to giving back to the congregation that raised me. I currently live in Crofton with my husband, Roshan Bahardeen, and my two seven-year-old sons, Adam and Jesse Lafeer. I teach Psychology and Government at Arundel High School in Gambrills, MD.

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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.*



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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

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