

This August seems different. It's strange to not hear school buses transporting students on Belair Drive. Instead, road crews are repaving the road. Parents I have talked to have mixed feelings about Governor Hogan's statewide ban on school starting before Labor Day. Some have called the ban the Ocean City Offering. We now share this practice with our Virginia neighbors who also don't commence school till the day after Labor Day. There it is referred to as the Kings Dominion kickback. Anyway, I hope you are taking advantage of the later start to stretch out summer travel. I hope you had a chance to recharge your spiritual battery this summer. I know I have.

At CCPC, there are other changes afoot this fall. On the first Sunday after Labor Day, September 10, we will begin our new fall schedule. We call it the 9-10-11 schedule. Contemporary Worship at 9am. Our Blended Worship at 11. Adult Education and Sunday school are sandwiched in between at 10am.

At 9am, we will have our new contemporary service. We had two practices so far with our consultant, Scott Steers, from Guest Worship. Scott is helping us establish a structure to select music to fit our preaching themes and to get it to musicians (online of course) in advance. We are delighted to have Sam Guillermo as our lead musician. The worship team is in its initial stages but we are confident it will get stronger as the year goes on. If you know someone who plays an instrument, invite him or her to practice on Thursday nights at 7pm.

We will have a preview of the contemporary music that will be used in the 9am service at the August 27 worship service at 10:30am.

Few people show up to church because of flashy advertising campaigns. They do, however, come when they receive a personal invitation from someone they know and trust. The Outreach Committee will be passing out materials on August 27 to help you do your part. Everyone can help. We are suggesting every person pass out two postcards with the times and schedule of events to people you want to invite to join us at CCPC. We will also pass out one poster that looks just like the postcard and ask you to post it in a public space where you live or work. If each person does their part, CCPC can extend its community reach.

September 10 will also feature a new Adult Education series titled "Cultivating Healthy Relationships." The three-week series will be held in Dodds Hall. Plan to join us as we begin an exciting year of worship, mission, and spiritual growth. Also, congratulations to Dick Neff who is celebrating his 60th anniversary of his ordination on August 20. Dick and Trudy have been serving at CCPC since their arrival in 1969. A reception in Dodds Hall will follow Dick's sermon.

Grace and peace,
James Brassard

Worship Notes

August 20th at 10:30am

Pastor Emeritus Dick Neff will continue our series on "One Text: Many Interpretations." Dick is preaching on *Matthew 18:21-35*. His title is "Forgive, As We Forgive." A reception will be held in Dodds Hall to honor Dick's service.

August 27th at 10:30am

Justin Devine adds his contribution on the series with his take on Romans 10. The service will open with a few songs led by our new worship team and its leader Sam Guillermo.

September 3rd at 10:30am

Reverend James Brassard returns to the pulpit with the final sermon in the series. The text is from *Matthew 14*, where Peter attempts to walk on water and fails. Whom do you identify with in the story? Are you a monkey or a cat Christian?

Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsals!



It's not too late to join one of our open rehearsals for our new Contemporary Worship service starting September 10th at 9am! There are two more rehearsals left:

**Thursday, August 24 and
August 31 from 7 to 9pm.**

Bring your voice and/or an instrument as well as a friend or two! All are welcome and encouraged to participate. But, if you just want to watch, that's ok too! Questions? Contact Justin Devine at 707-344-3325 or ccpcdirced@verizon.net

Births

Welcome!

Ellis Beck Collins

Born on July 31, 2017
9 lbs., 2 oz., 21-1/4"

Julie Hesenperger is the proud auntie!

Ellis was supposed to be born earlier, but waited until he could be born on his great-grandma's, Helen Bujac, birthday!

Congratulations to the Hesenperger and Collins families!



Thank You!

What a difference a year makes! At this time last year, James Brassard had just visited me in Medstar Washington Hospital Center and Sue Evans and Justin Devine had spent time with Brian during my surgery. So many others of you cooked delicious, healing, healthful food for us, sent cards, called to check on me, kept me company, and prayed for us. Each person who reached out aided in my recovery and each connection helped me remember what is so important in life. The prayers from you, my church family, were palpable.

When I could have felt very alone, I felt your presence. I know, without a doubt, that your prayers for me were heard!

I hope each of you accept my sincere thanks for all of your support over the past year.



Patti Cable



School Supplies!

Children's Ministry is collecting school supplies to help-out the teachers in our congregation. Below are the things needed:

Colored Pencils
Pencils
Pens
Loose Leaf Paper
Copy Paper
Plastic Pocket Folders
Glue
Highlighters
Dry Erase Markers
Markers
Children's Scissors and Scissors
Rulers
Tissues
Wipes
Hand Sanitizer

Anything else you would like to contribute, I'm sure could be used.

There is a box in the atrium to put your donations in.

**Thank you for
your support!**



Adult Education

Hello CCPC Family,

For the next three years, I will be leading Adult Education at CCPC. My goal is to help all of us grow spiritually in the company of one another and learn how Jesus would have us live our lives today.

The first Adult Education class for the 2017-2018 year is a three-week series called "Cultivating Healthy Relationships." Justin Devine, Kristen McDermott (a family therapist), and I will lead discussion in Dodd's Hall on September 10, 17, and 24. Here is a brief description of the discussion topic for each week:

- ◆ Week #1 September 10 - Self-Discovery-In what manner do I give and receive love (Love Languages)?
- ◆ Week #2 September 17 - Applying Relational Knowledge-Self, Marriage, Family, Community, Workplace, and Church
- ◆ Week #3 September 24 - Improving Family Relationships (Kristen McDermott will lend her specific expertise to this discussion.)

Beginning on October 1, 2017, Adult Education will offer two options. Please consider attending one of the following classes:

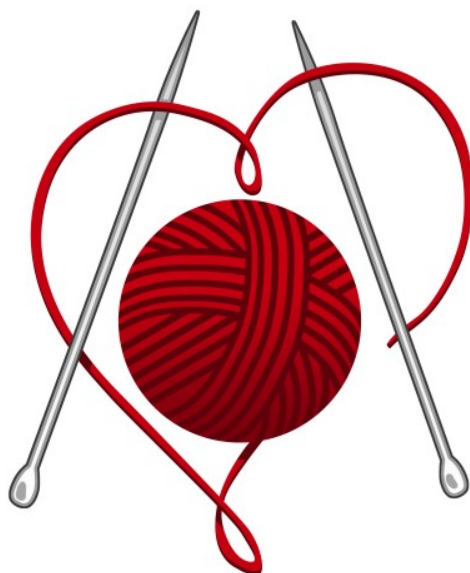
- ◆ The first option is a five-week series called "Reformation: The Five Solas" and will be held in the Conference Room. This series will focus on the Reformers' convictions about the essentials of Christianity. Each class will include a discussion of one of the five Solas - its meaning in the time of the Reformation and its modern repercussions. Thank you to the following people who have agreed to lead discussions during the series: Steve Webb, Kevin Rice, and Mary Brock!
- ◆ The second option is called "Living Christian in a Secular World" and will be held in the Belair Room.
Living Christian is a structured bible study designed for people with relatively limited experience and knowledge of the Bible. Emphasis will be placed on applying scripture to the challenges of daily living in a secular world (hence the title!). This class will be led alternately by Pastor James and Justin and will continue throughout the 2017-2018 year.

I hope that you will consider attending and participating in one of these Adult Education offerings! CCPC has so many members with a rich and deep range of knowledge and expertise in a wide variety of areas and disciplines. Do you have knowledge, ideas, or passion that you would like to share with others? Consider leading an Adult Education class! My email address is jlwoods@aacps.org.

"Love is a bridge from poorer to richer knowledge" Max Scheler

Thank you and God's Peace!

Jen Woods
Elder for Adult Education



Knits with Sticks

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

As fall comes, CCPC Knits with Sticks is seeking new members and we invite anyone who can come on Monday, September 18th, at 1:00 PM in the church Parlor. Our standard meeting date is the third Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

If you would like to participate, but cannot attend our daytime meetings, there are suggested patterns on the community table in the Atrium. Please feel free to browse and take what you want. In other words, we are a free-floating group where you can come to share your talents, to learn, and to ask questions along the way.

Our main function is to help locally; so traditionally, our efforts have been to make scarves or hats for parents or caregivers of our Christmas Families.

Place donations in the knitting closet; the last closet on the right leading to the parlor. On the top shelf, we have a clear zipped bag for donations. You can drop yours in the bag or just leave it on the top shelf of the closet. And, please do leave your name with your contribution so we know to whom we are grateful for your work.

We also have lots of yarn in the closet for you to pick up and use, and there are some knitting needles in a container in the Parlor, on top of the bookcase next to the window opposite the entry door.

You can be a knitter or crocheter of any stage in your ability. We all work at our own speed and to our own taste, but still, as a group, can make a nice contribution to the parents of the Christmas Families project or even a 10-inch square or two along the way to be put with a donation for the "67 Blankets for Mandela" project, which will be donated next May at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. We do NOT have to have a completed afghan/blanket. Any loose squares are welcome or we can put together what we have as a start.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September.
Priscilla Bouic (201-262-4906)



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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
9:00AM to 1:00PM**

revive our hearts with worship

Ladies Tea & Mini Retreat

Let's begin our Fall together as
Women of Christian Community Presbyterian Church.
We would like to gather to celebrate God's love with all our
individual and joint selves. Please mark your calendars and join us
as we congregate. We would like you to RSVP so we can get
a tentative head count.

Even Oprah says, don't miss this event!

\$5.00 to help cover the cost

RSVP to:
Peggy Oates 301-262-6959 or
Cyd Radden-LeSage 301-352-9582 wyonative@verizon.net

Fall Children's Ministry Events



Sunday, August 27

Bring your backpack for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks during the 9am service. Whether you're in preschool, college, or somewhere in between Laurel Cox will be on hand to pray for the upcoming school year.

Sunday, September 10

Join us for Rally Day in Dodd's Hall after the 9am service. Children's Ministry will provide a light breakfast and all the children will have the opportunity to meet their Sunday School teachers and see their classrooms. Sunday School for children, teens, and adults will be held every Sunday between the 9am and 11am church services.

Saturday, September 30

Mark your calendars for the Children's Campfire in the back parking lot of the church!

Sunday, October 29

Don't miss our annual Trunk-or-Treat! Details to come.

Couples Workshop

Gina Jadwisiak and David Kobe will be running a couples workshop September 29th through October 1st. The workshop is based on the best-selling book, "Getting the Love You Want" by Harville Hendrix. Come and work on your communication and discover the gold underneath those negative conflicts. Whether you are a new couple, have been married for years, have a few problems, or are contemplating a separation this workshop is great at helping you learn what fuels the fire and how to rekindle your love.

For additional information, see the website at
CounselingConnectionsADK.com.
Use "MDCCPC" coupon code for a \$200 discount.



The Chesapeake Chorale

Open Rehearsal

**Tuesday, September 5th
7:30 pm in Dodds Hall**

We want you to sing with us in our 37th season!

Chesapeake Chorale membership is open to all by audition

This season, the Chorale will be performing
Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, Vivaldi's Gloria, and more!

Questions?
Please call 301-440-6755
chesapeakechorale.org

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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.

