

There are two very interesting conversations in Christian circles I could eagerly share with you this month. One is the European Catholics grappling with various translations to the Lord's Prayer. You might think the prayer Jesus gave his disciples 200 years ago would be above controversy. Yet, the Spanish, French, and the Italian Catholic's are changing the sixth petition: "Do not submit us to temptation" to "Let us not enter into temptation." Pope Francis, who is at odds with Vatican theologians, agrees with the change, saying, "A father does not push someone into temptation." I also wanted to comment on the passing of Billy Graham, who Martin Marty said in 2013, would be with Jonathan Edwards and Martin Luther King Jr, part of the Mount Rushmore of American religious history. Instead I decided to share more local concerns.

The Session has been very busy with important leadership duties during the past two months. Since some of you are interested in process, "how the sausage is made." To catch you up on what we have been working on, I had our Clerk, Amy Littlefield, write up some extended Session highlights.

It is joy to serve with you,
James Brassard

Session Highlights for **February & March 2018**

Mexico Mission Trip

Justin reported that the July mission trip to Mexico now has 30 people (youth and adults) signed up to go at this time. Besides Scrip sales, the youth will be conducting several other fundraising opportunities, The Mission council will consider a congregation-wide appeal for support.

Music Search Update

The Session appointed a search committee in February for the Music Director/Accompanist position. Members are Elder Jen Woods (chair), Elder Steve Donoian, Elder Bob Brutout, and At-Large Member Trudy Neff. Astrid Jonas, Worship Council Chair, is currently reviewing resumes and sending them to the search committee for further review. Jen Woods reported to the Session at the March meeting that two phone interviews have been conducted, with both candidates coming in for personal interviews. Furthermore, another phone interview is pending. Resumes continue to be received.

Nominating Committee Begins Process

Nominating Committee Chair Bridget Peters will now be starring the process of selecting new Elders and Deacons after Easter. The 2018 Nominating Committee members are Yvonne Tang, Skip Oates, Peggy Oates, and Bob Hiller.

Time and Talent Survey

The Session discussed a revised Time and Talent Survey for distribution to the membership during their February and March meetings, approving final edits. The Survey will be distributed on March 25 and responses will be received until April 15th. The Time and Talent Survey is a useful tool for committees to recruit volunteers and update records on volunteer interests. Look for promotions for the survey during upcoming worship services.

Welcome New Members!

The Session approved and welcomed the following new members: Emmanuel Bah, Stanley & Sharon Dixon, and Alex Kummer.

Worship Council

The Worship Council will meet April 5th to discuss the summer worship schedule.

Submitted by:
Amy Littlefield
Clerk of Session



Thank you from Margaret Wolfe

My family and I so appreciate everything done for us recently – the cards, flowers, food, gifts, all the calls and visits, the rides to Genesis Waugh Chapel, and especially all the prayers. CCPC is blessed having so many caring people and James, a wonderful pastor. We thank you so much for everything. Please remember to keep David in your prayers.

Margaret Wolfe

Holy Week Schedule

March 25 — Palm Sunday

Jesus carefully orchestrates his much-anticipated arrival into the capital city of Jerusalem. His rowdy band of followers make so much noise, the Pharisees, always nervous about arousing the Romans, told him to tone down the hoopla. Jesus responds that even if he could, “The very stones would cry out.” *Luke 19:29-44*. The children are included in the opening processional.

Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 PM

On the night Jesus was arrested, he inaugurated a ceremony through which the church would remember him. In John’s version of the Last Supper (*John 13:1-17. 31-35*), when Jesus says, “Do this,” he is not referring to breaking bread, sharing a common cup of wine, and remembering him through this symbolic act. Instead, he says, “Wash feet.” What example is Jesus setting for us?

Good Friday, March 30 at 7:30 PM

We will offer a Tenebrae Service of the Passion readings and the extinguishing of candles. The service will include a rich variety of music: choral, instrumental, and congregational songs.

April 1 — Easter Sunday **The Resurrection of the Lord**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden

We will read *John 20*, that focuses on the personal encounter the Risen Lord had with Mary Magdalene. Mary moves from weeping, to turning towards Jesus, to announcing the incredible news that Jesus is alive. We will conclude with communion.

The Session will host a **hot Easter breakfast** of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee from 7:30-9:00AM. A continental breakfast will be served from 10:00-11:00AM to accommodate families arriving for the Children’s Easter program.

The Children’s Easter Program, (including Easter Egg Hunt, Blossoming of the Cross, and the Easter lesson) is at 10:00AM. Families are encouraged to be early & share breakfast.

Our Services in **Celebration of the Resurrection** will be held at 9:00 and 11:00AM. We will sing the classic Easter hymns and enjoy special choral and instrumental music. The sermon title is “When Does Your Life Really Begin? The text is the resurrection of Jesus’ friend, Lazarus, in *John 11: 1-53*.

Lenten Readings

Looking for a different Lenten discipline this year?

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and
a light unto my path."*



Join us in the Sanctuary each morning (except Sundays) during Lent (February 14th through March 31st) at 7:15 AM for the reading of the daily lectionary and a brief prayer. We are usually finished by 7:30 AM.

A Note to the Congregation

Dear CCPC Congregation,

The search is well underway for the new choir director/accompanist for the 11am blended worship service. I am the chairperson of the search committee and the other members of the committee include Steve Donoian, Bob Brutout, and Trudy Neff. We are in the process of conducting both phone and in-person interviews with several well-qualified candidates. We are focusing our search on finding someone to lead the adult choir and bell choir, build a children's choir, and participate in some crossover work with the 9am contemporary service. Please don't hesitate to direct any questions or concerns you may have to me or any member of the search committee.

Thank you,

Jen Woods

Easter Offerings Online



During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent, and financial contributions, and greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account, credit card, or debit card. It takes just a few minutes to setup a one-time or recurring giving plan. Visit the church website <http://ccpc.bowiemd.org> to locate the donation link.

We thank you all for supporting our mission!

Steve Donoian, Finance Committee

Adult Education!



March/April 2018 **Adult Education Conference Room**

Sunday, March 18

Adult Ed Conference Room/10:05-10:50

Led by Jen Woods

Two-week video series: Understanding the Opioid Epidemic
How did our nation get into this situation?
What are possible solutions and directions for dealing with this crisis?
What communities are impacted by this epidemic?
What do experts suggest we do to confront the epidemic?

Sunday, April 8

Adult Ed Conference Room

Guest Speaker Presentation about Foster Parenting: Rachel Anderson from Concern

Sundays April 15, 22, 29

3-Week Series

Led by Jen Woods, Adult Ed Conference Room

A History of Violence: Scripture and Society
Why is the Bible so violent?
Is violence in decline in the modern world?
Are we in the midst of a Long Peace?
What are the implications for the future?

Lenten Luncheon!

Sunday, March 25 at 11:15 AM

*Children's & Youth Ministry will be
hosting its 4th Annual Pasta Palooza!*

There will be one church service at 10 am and the luncheon will follow that service in Dodd's Hall. All church members are invited to participate in this event and we are expecting a large crowd. We are excited to have the event catered this year with a pasta bar featuring different pastas and sauces. **Please sign up to bring a salad, bread, or dessert to accompany the pasta bar.** Children's Ministry will provide a sheet cake. We are also looking for volunteers to set up that morning and to clean up after the luncheon. If possible, please indicate what you plan to bring in the comments. For more information regarding signup or additional information, please contact Justin Devine at ccpcdirced@verizon.net. Hope to see you there!





One Great Hour of Sharing

Sharing Brings Joy

Sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance / Presbyterian Hunger Program / Self-Development of People

Your gifts to OGHS mean that you too are present, bringing healing and hope to some of the world's most desperate situations. Never underestimate what a difference you can make. Let us thank God for giving us the opportunity to share our gifts so generously.

CCPC will be joining the efforts of OGHS during worship services on Palm Sunday, March 25 and Easter Sunday, April 1.

Thank you for your support.

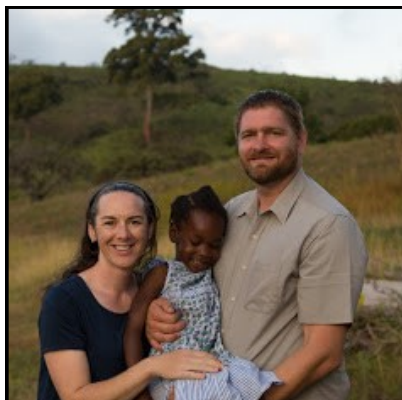
Thank You from Malawi!

Our socks take several days on the clothesline to dry, the roads everywhere are muddy, and the corn is getting tall. Must be rainy season in Malawi, Africa! We are thankful for your ongoing prayers, interest, and support of our ministries for theological education, plus water sanitation and hygiene! Check out our weekly family blog to learn more what we are up to these rainy season days at:

<http://www.holminafrika.blogspot.com/> -

Tyler & Rochelle Holm, Mzuzu, Malawi, Africa

Tyler Holm will be visiting CCPC on Monday evening
September 24 for a dinner and program.
More information will be given when the date gets closer.



A Trip to the Space Station



Rick Arnold, son of Nancy and Dick, has been in Baikonur, Kazakhstan, since March 4, 2018. He is one of the team members on the Expedition 55 Mission who are scheduled for a March 21 at 1:44 EDT launch from the Baikonur Cosmodrome aboard the Russian Soyuz MS-08 spacecraft.

After a two-day journey, they will arrive at the station and join fellow NASA astronaut Scott Tingle, Expedition 55 Commander Anton Shkaplerov of Roscosmos, and Norishige Kanai of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

During a planned five-month mission, the crew will take part in about 250 space station science investigations and technology demonstrations to advance our knowledge of Earth, space, physical and biological sciences. Science conducted in the orbiting laboratory continues to yield benefits for humanity and will enable future long-duration human and robotic exploration into deep space.

NASA selected Arnold as an astronaut in 2004. The Maryland native worked in marine sciences and as a teacher in his state and overseas, in countries including Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and Indonesia. He spent 12 days, 19 hours and 29 minutes in space during space shuttle Discovery's STS-119 mission to deliver the final pair of power-generating solar array wings and truss element for the space station. During that assembly mission to the station, he conducted two spacewalks totaling 12 hours, 34 minutes.

Arnold will continue NASA's Year of Education on Station, arriving at the station shortly after NASA astronaut and former educator Joe Acaba departs. Arnold will participate in dozens of educational events while on orbit.

Arnold, and two other crew members are scheduled to return to Earth in late August.

You can follow Rick on social media at https://twitter.com/astro_ricky

Please pray for Rick and his team.

Wednesday Night Live!

There is only one more March Wednesday Night Live event, and you won't want to miss it! But, if you do, you can still make our April and May events!

Join us in Dodds Hall at 5:55pm for dinner and a program on:

MARCH 21st
APRIL 4th and 18th
MAY 16th

Hope to see you there!

The Chesapeake Chorale

Come one! Come all!

The Chesapeake Chorale invites you to Dodds Hall on March 24 at 7:30PM or March 25 at 3PM for its "Broadway Bound" Cabaret performances!

Sounds of "Oklahoma!", "West Side Story", Carole King's "Beautiful" and even "Hamilton" will have you smiling, as will individual solos, duets, and more!

Tickets are \$15, but only \$12 for seniors or military, and FREE(!) for children! You may purchase from Chorale members (Chuck Tanner and Marty Sippel), or online at www.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.

