

The gospels are sometimes referred to as “Holy Week with a long introduction and a brief conclusion.” If that is the case, we appropriately poured a lot into Holy Week at CCPC. We had a great single service of worship on Palm Sunday. Our trumpeters Sarah Huey and Matt Novak led a rousing “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!” to open the service. Sam Guillermo led the children in singing “Your Love Awakens Me” to close the service. The Pasta Palooza luncheon was wonderful. Special thanks to Chef Kevin Smith. We had good attendance for Maundy Thursday and our best ever attendance for Good Friday. Chuck Tanner took the 11 faithful souls who read the daily Lenten readings at 7:15AM each morning out to breakfast on Maundy Thursday. Three Easter services: Sunrise in the Garden at 7AM, Contemporary at 9AM, and the Traditional service at 11AM, concluded the week. The Session members prepared the Easter breakfast. Many volunteers worked long and hard to tell this timeless story. Thank you!

I wanted to thank Interim Music Director Jon Youngdahl, accompanist’s Nolan King and Janyce Watt, for leading us in this interim period. Trudy Neff directed the Bell Choir on Easter Sunday as they played two pieces and led congregational singing of “O for a Thousand Tongues.” Thank you Trudy!

I went home after the final service and had lunch with my son and his wife. When they left to go back to New Jersey, I took a long nap. At 8PM, I watched the NBC program “Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert.” This Broadway Musical from 1970 featured the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. As a teen I listened to the two album set constantly. I know the songs by heart. Although controversial at the time, the show was a hit with believers and non-believers alike. This was during the Christian revival among young people known as “The Jesus Movement.” Told principally from the point of view of Judas, “Superstar” interpreted the events of the trial and crucifixion by giving special attention to the social and political milieu of first century Jerusalem. The rock music tapped into the civil unrest in America caused by the Vietnam War and the assassinations of Robert and John Kennedy, Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The show depicted King Herod, Pontius Pilate, and the Jewish authorities as not unlike the corrupt, cynical and manipulative political powers in the early 1970’s. The show tapped into the spirit of the age.

The New York Times reporter Michael Paulson interviewed the lead performers in this live show. Singer John Legend (playing Jesus) had not done musical theatre since High School. Raised in a family of church musicians in a Pentecostal Church, Legend said, “I had a hard time turning down the role of Jesus.” He prepared for his role by thinking about love and what that means when it comes to the sacrifice that Jesus was willing to make.

Victor Dixon (Judas) was raised in an Episcopal Church and School. He loved the role because it connected with the deep human emotions that have always been central to his faith. Judas, says Dixon, feels his actions are right, because he wants to preserve Jesus message against the authorities who fear that his message of hope and change are spinning out of control.

Both Legend and Dixon admitted to no longer being active churchgoers. They both claim to be “spiritual but not religious.” Both performers said the underlying thing about the shows appeal is that everyone still wants to know about Jesus. The show does not have a resurrection scene. After watching the 2 ½-hour show (too many commercials!) I felt like my exhausted spirit was risen.

Grace and peace,
James Brassard

In Memory of

Wilhelmina Burrress



May 31, 1937 — April 2, 2018

Wilhelmina died suddenly in the presence of her daughter, Karen, on the evening of Monday, April 2.

A member of CCPC since 1975, Wilhelmina joined with her late husband, George. She served as a deacon and a member of Session, and for many years coordinated the Easter vigil.

Wilhelmina was an educator who received a lifetime award from the governor of Maryland. She was also an accomplished artist.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen. A date for a service to honor the faith and service of Wilhelmina will be set soon.

Wilhelmina will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Burrress family.

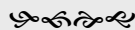


Worship Notes

April 8: In Paul's letters to the Church in Corinth we find the first written testimonies of the resurrection found in the New Testament. Paul says nothing of the women discovering the empty tomb, but he does pass on the core convictions about the meaning of the resurrection to the Christian faith. *I Corinthians 15:1-20*, will serve as the text for the three-week series on the meaning of the Resurrection. Sermon title is "Of First Importance." Communion will be celebrated at both services.

April 15: In *Acts 5:27-32*, we find the disciples being arrested for teaching others about Jesus and the resurrection. The authorities, hoping to keep public order, threaten to jail Peter and the other Apostles if they did not keep silent. They spoke out anyway. The sermon: "Easter Continued."

April 22: Although the resurrection from the dead was a central testimony of the early church, believers had questions about what happened to them when they died. The Apostles Creed states, "I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." Texts are *I Corinthians 15:35-44* and *Revelation 21*. Sermon is titled: "Good Heavens"



Thank You!

Dear CCPC staff and Friends,

In September 2016, my husband (Jack) had a "small" stroke that left him wheelchair bound. This required us to sell our home and move to assisted living. It has been a tumultuous 18 months. I am very grateful to CCPC foremost for giving me many opportunities to grow in faith over the past 50 years. Faith, hope and confidence in God's love and presence are indispensable when trials come. I also want to thank James and the many others who have nurtured us with your prayers, cards, notes, phone calls, chauffeuring and visits. I was especially touched by the notes I received from women at the retreat. Such acts make a difference. Thanks to each of you. I hope you each had a blessed Easter. I love you all.

Doris and Jack Kobe

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

CCPC Work Day

Saturday, April 14th from 8:30 AM to Noon
Lunch will be served!

Thank you to the Bahler's, Dave Conrad, the Shelby's, and Jason Van Sickle who did the advanced work of trimming, pruning, and cutting down seagrasses.

On this work day we will need to spread the mulch and rake out the yard.
Please bring racks, hoses, and shovels.

Choir Director Search Update

Dear CCPC Family,

I'm happy to share with you that many qualified candidates have applied for the Blended Service Choir Director/Accompanist position. The Search Committee conducted phone and in-person interviews with three of the candidates and we have narrowed our search to two finalists. Each of the two finalists will lead a choir practice in the first weeks of April and we expect the Search Committee to make a recommendation to Session in the third week of April. The Session will make their final decision by the end of April. We are anticipating that the new choir director will begin work at CCPC in early June. Many of you have offered us kind words of encouragement during this process; we are so grateful for your support. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jen Woods
Search Committee Chairperson

Deacon's Caregivers Luncheon

Please note the Caregivers Luncheon has been postponed until sometime in the Fall. We will send the details once the date is confirmed.

Wednesday Night Live!

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

APRIL 4th and 18th

MAY 16th

Hope to see you there!

SCRIP Cards

Our SCRIP fundraiser begins on April 22nd and will end on May 6th.

SCRIP fundraising gift cards are the same gift cards you would normally purchase from a retailer in your local retail stores, and they work the same way. You'll find cards you can use at grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, home improvement stores, and almost any business that accepts gift cards.



CCPC Youth Ministry can earn up to a 15% rebate on each purchased gift card and 100% of the proceeds go to our Youth Mexico Mission trip in July.

Using SCRIP couldn't be easier. You can purchase gift cards for places where you plan to shop, and use those cards instead of cash or credit. This fundraiser is done by CCPC Youth twice a year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall.

The cards will come in after around Mother's Day. During the fundraiser, the Youth will be in the CCPC Atrium after church at a table distributing the SCRIP order form and list of retailers, and collecting the completed order form and accompanying check.

All order forms are due by May 7th at Noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Justin Devine or Joi Kesner at ccpcyouth15@gmail.com or 707-344-3325

CCPC Youth Car Wash!



The Youth will be washing cars for the Mexico Mission trip in the CCPC parking lot on Saturday, April 28th from 10am to 2pm. Hotdogs, chips, donuts, and drinks will be available for purchase too!

Adult Education!

April 2018

Adult Education Conference Room



Sunday, April 8

Adult Ed Conference Room

Guest Speaker Presentation about Foster Parenting:
Rachel Anderson from Concern Organization

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?

Memorial Day Parade!



The City of Bowie is planning to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 26, 2018 beginning at 11:00 am. The route will be the same as last year: beginning at the Bowie High School Annex on Belair Drive, turning right and continuing toward Sussex Lane, which will pass in front of CCPC. The street closure will last approximately 2 hours and re-open immediately following the passing of the last parade unit.

Please note that during this time, you will not be able to drive on the parade route of Belair Drive.

April 1—15, 2018

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

One Great Hour of Sharing and Time & Talent

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service -- Memorial Garden
7:30 AM Easter Breakfast -- Dodds Hall
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Blossoming of the Cross and the Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service -- Sanctuary

Monday, April 2, 2018

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
7:00 PM Straight from the Source Bible Study -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall
7:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall
7:30 PM Deacons Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall
8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live! -- Dodds Hall
7:00 PM B&G Committee Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
7:00 PM New Hope Circle -- Members' Homes
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

Thursday, April 5, 2018

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall
10:00 AM Charity Circle -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
7:00 PM Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
7:00 PM Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room
8:15 PM Worship Council Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Friday, April 6, 2018

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, April 7, 2018

7:30 AM Men's Book Group -- Panera Bread

Sunday, April 8, 2018

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service w/Communion -- Sanctuary
10:05 AM Christian Ed: Sunday School and Adult Ed w/Rachel Anderson of CONCERN Organization
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service -- Sanctuary
6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Monday, April 9, 2018

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall
10:30 AM Lady Tigers -- Parlor
7:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall
8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom
1:00 PM Joy Circle -- Members' Homes
6:00 PM Southern Comforter's Quilt Guild -- Dodds Hall
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

Thursday, April 12, 2018

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall
7:00 PM Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
7:00 PM Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room

Friday, April 13, 2018—LWW Honduras Trip Starts

Saturday, April 14, 2018—8:30 AM CCPC Spring Work Day

Sunday, April 15, 2018

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service -- Sanctuary
10:05 AM Christian Ed: Sunday School and Adult Ed
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service -- Sanctuary
1:00 PM Special Session Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

April 16—30, 2018

Monday, April 16, 2018

10:00 AM Hope Circle -- Members' Homes
11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
1:00 PM Knits with Sticks -- Parlor
7:00 PM Straight from the Source Bible Study -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide and End of Season Party -- Dodds Hall
7:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom
12:00 PM 80's Bash Luncheon -- Olive Garden - Bowie Town Center
5:55 PM Wednesday Night Live! -- Dodds Hall
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

Thursday, April 19, 2018

7:00 PM Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
7:00 PM Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room

Friday, April 20, 2018

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, April 21, 2018

LWW Honduras Trip Ends
7:30 AM Men's Book Group -- Panera Bread
12 Noon Private Event -- Dodds Hall

Sunday, April 22, 2018

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service -- Sanctuary
10:05 AM Christian Ed: Sunday School and Adult Ed
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service -- Sanctuary
2:00 PM Martie Harris Student Piano Recital -- Sanctuary & Dodds Hall
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Monday, April 23, 2018

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
7:00 PM Grace and Glory Circle -- Members' Homes
7:00 PM Mission Council Meeting -- Adult Ed Conference Room
7:30 PM Session -- Conference Room

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

10:30 AM Lady Tigers -- Parlor
7:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom
10:00 AM BCNS Play "Caps for Sale" -- Dodds Hall
6:00 PM Southern Comforters Quilt Guild -- Dodds Hall
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

Thursday, April 26, 2018

7:00 PM Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
7:00 PM Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room

Friday, April 27, 2018

10:00 AM BCNS Play "Caps for Sale" -- Dodds Hall

Saturday, April 28, 2018

10:00 AM Youth Car Wash -- Parking Lot

Sunday, April 29, 2018

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service -- Sanctuary
10:05 AM Christian Ed: Sunday School and Adult Ed
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service -- Sanctuary
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Monday, April 30, 2018

9:00 AM Bowie Montessori Play Rehearsal -- Dodds Hall
11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
7:00 PM Straight from the Source Bible Study -- Adult Ed Conf Rm