

Dear CCPC Family,

The Search Committee began its search for a new choir director/accompanist in early February 2018. Our goal was to find the right person to continue CCPC's long legacy of high-quality music ministry and programs.

I'm very pleased to announce that Mr. Rick Osborne has accepted CCPC's offer of employment for the choir director/accompanist position for the 11am Blended Service. Rick will begin his music ministry with us on June 3 (the first Sunday in June).

The Search Committee interviewed several highly qualified candidates over the past couple of months, yet Rick was our final choice because of his impressive musical talents, his ability to teach vocal technique to novice and experienced singers alike, and also his deep commitment to leading innovative music programs that enliven worship and ultimately bring people closer to God.

Rick brings to CCPC vast experience in church music and music education. Rick has an advanced degree in organ performance from the Peabody Conservatory. Rick has served for several decades as music director at a Presbyterian Church in Easton, Maryland, and he is recently retired from a three-decade career as a general music educator of children grades K-8.

Rick's former school principal shared with me that Rick is "beloved, compassionate, dedicated, and will prove to be a blessing to our congregation." He added that Rick is particularly talented at nurturing and growing young people's musical gifts. A former choir member of Rick's shared with me that "Rick is very caring and patient with choir members; he also sees what needs to be done around the church and quietly does it."

I believe that Rick's skills and experience will serve to reinvigorate and expand the multi-generational music programs that we offer at CCPC. Rick will lead the Celebration Choir, the Hand Bell Choir, and he will also start a new Children's Choir. Rick will be working with Sam Guillermo approximately one Sunday per month to share musical gifts across our two Sunday morning services.

I have had many conversations and meetings with Rick over the past months. Rick has a warm presence and he is hard working, well-prepared and quietly charismatic. It is fortuitous that CCPC's search for a talented and innovative choir director coincided with Rick's search for the "right church." Rick has shared with me that he has been long looking for a church to devote his talents to; a church that is vibrant, energetic and focused on programs that meet the spiritual needs of current members and attract new members, as well. That's us! That is CCPC!

I sincerely believe that CCPC's partnership with Rick Osborne will help us to offer music ministry that continues to be a source of spiritual inspiration for CCPC members well into

the future.

I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to the other members of the Search Committee: Bob Brutout, Steve Donoian, and Trudy Neff. I truly enjoyed this experience because I shared it with such wonderful and dedicated CCPC members! Thank you for your input and hard work.

And CCPC members, you have been very patient during this interim period. I think that Rick is well worth the wait. Please join me in warmly welcoming Rick Osborne into our congregation in June.

Love and Blessings,

Jennifer Woods
Search Committee Chairperson



Worship Notes

May 6th: Children's Sunday. The Children will sing at both services. Bibles will be presented to 4th graders and teachers will be honored.

May 13th: Mother's Day. In *John 12*, Mary of Bethany pours an expensive bottle of perfume over Jesus' feet. A powerful aroma overtakes the room. Judas, perhaps embarrassed by this extravagant expression of love, suggested that other, more practical uses could have been found instead of the costly perfume. Yet Jesus calls it beautiful. What does love smell like? Why are we uncomfortable at being on the receiving end of deep love?

May 20th: The Day of Pentecost (wear Red). *Acts 2:1-21* and *I Corinthians 12:3-12*. The church in Corinth was struggling with jealousy, the arrogance of its leaders, and a determination to measure ones worth through comparisons with other people. Sound familiar? How does the church find unity in the midst of diversity? Sermon is titled: "Measuring the Spirit."



In Memory of *Ed Godfrey*

October 9, 1929 — April 24, 2018



Edward William Godfrey, age 88, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded in love by his family, on Tuesday morning, April 24th.

Ed was born in New York, lived in Odenton for 13 years, then moved to Bowie. He proudly served his country as a member of the US Navy for 6 years and the Air Force for 4 years. He worked as an accountant for the Veterans Administration and the FAA before retiring. He was an active member of the CCPC. A Red Cross blood donor, Ed had donated a total of 5 gallons of blood. He was involved in the building of the Senior Center of Bowie and participated in the P.G. County Community Food Bank. He also volunteered with Meals On Wheels and volunteered teaching clinics on Smoking Cessation with the American Cancer Society. More than anything, Ed loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-children and attending their sporting events and other activities. Devoted husband of 61 years to Gloria Godfrey

(nee Cardenas); beloved father of Ed S. Godfrey (Lucinda) of Annapolis, Glenn A. Godfrey (Susan) of Virginia and Donna G. Nellis (Don) of Columbia; cherished grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of 4. He was predeceased by his sister Patricia Bolaris

Ed's memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 5th at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary, followed by a memorial luncheon in Dodds Hall.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gloria and the Godfrey family.

<http://www.donaldsonodenton.com/notices/Edward-Godfrey>

In Memory of

Melanie Harris

February 8, 1957 — April 19, 2018

I visited the Harris household on Ovalstone Lane in Bowie. Leo and Vera and their four daughters were CCPC church members many years ago. I believe Leo was the church treasurer at one time before he passed away. Melanie was their oldest daughter and she just passed away from cancer on April 19 at their home surrounded by her family. I wanted this in *The Caller* as the older members would remember them.

Thanks, Sharon McNamara



You can read her obituary in The Gazette:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/capitalgazette/obituary.aspx?pid=188824781>

Session Notes

April 2018

Choir Director Position

- The Session met in a special meeting on April 15 to hear the recommendation from the Search Committee and voted unanimously to offer the position to Rick Osborne
- At the monthly meeting on April 23rd, the Session unanimously approved his contract
- The Session commended Elder Jen Woods and her committee for their diligent work
- Please see full article in this edition of the Caller

New Members

- The Session unanimously approved the following new members who will be introduced at upcoming services: Mildred Webb, Madelein Kennon, and Misa Close.

Youth Activities

- Car Wash on Saturday, April 28 from 10-2 to raise money for Mexico Mission Trip. Between 20-31 will be going on the trip this summer
- Children's Sunday on May 6
- New dates for Vacation Bible School are June 25-28 due to extended PG County School year

Summer Worship Schedule

- The Session unanimously approved the Worship Council recommendation for one summer service at 10:00 am during July and August (9 total Sundays)

Paternity Leave Granted

- The Session unanimously approved two weeks of paternity leave for Justin Devine beginning upon the birth of his 3rd child in late May. This will not exceed June 7th.
- The Session unanimously approved for Justin Devine to telework (during usual office hours) from the date of the birth until August 13th, with Justin continuing his other church responsibilities of services and activities during that time.

Nominating Committee

- Nominating Chair Bridget Peters will begin convening her committee for ultimate proposal of a slate of Elders and Deacons in May.

Amy Littlefield
Clerk of Session

Candidates Forum

Having good people govern our county, state, and federal government is very important.
People should be eager to hear where the candidates stand on the issues.

Please join us on June 12, 2018 from 7pm to 9pm at Mount Oak Fellowship. People seeking office in Legislative District 23 and Council Districts 4 and 5 will be invited. Hope to see you there!

Ruth Yarber

If you would like to send a card/letter to
Ruth Yarber, her address is:

Brookdale Palm Coast
Ruth Yarber, room 135
3 Club House Drive
Palm Coast, FL 32137

She would love to hear from her CCPC family and friends. We miss you, Ruth!

AND . . . Kathy Sprouse has a new mailing address:

315 Sewickley Ridge Drive
Sewickley, PA 15143

Thank You!

I want to thank the congregation and specifically the Worship Council for the very generous gift of Giant Gift Cards that I received for directing the Clinquant Bell Choir. I certainly didn't expect it, so it came as a welcome surprise. I am enjoying directing the bells during this interim, and the ringers have been supportive of my efforts.

Thank you all very much.

Trudy Neff

SAVE THE DATE!

September 22, 2018

CARING FOR THE
CAREGIVERS' LUNCHEON

Senior Care Surveys Available on the shelf in the
alcove of the Narthex or ask a Deacon.

More Details to Come as the Date Gets Closer

Memorial Brick Ceremony

Brick Order Deadline

The Annual Memorial Brick Ceremony will be held at

12 Noon on Sunday, September 30, 2018

The deadline for brick orders is by

9 AM Friday, June 29th

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

Remember CCPC

In Your Will or Estate Plan - Make a difference

Your gifts to CCPC support ministries that change lives and share the love of the living Christ with a world in need. With a little planning, a gift to the church through one's will or estate plan can be a meaningful testament to one's faith, an inspiration to family and friends, and a force for life-changing ministry in the world. If you have not considered remembering CCPC in your will or estate plan, please consider it. If you have already done so – thank you!

For more information, please contact Steve Donoian
at 301-261-7941 or donoian@verizon.net.



A Brief Presbyterian Women History Lesson

Louisa M. Woosley is the first woman minister of record from an American Presbyterian denomination. Ordained in the late nineteenth century despite the prevailing social norms of that time, she serves today as an inspiration for anyone trying to break through a glass ceiling.

In 1874, at age 12, Louisa Mariah Layman first felt the calling to ministry during a Baptist revival meeting. At 18, she married Curtis G. Woosley, a member of the Macedonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church outside Caneyville, Kentucky. Louisa Woosley hoped that her husband would enter the ministry so she could become a minister's wife. Curtis remained a lay person, however, bringing about a period of deep depression for Louisa.

In 1882, after a period of intensive Bible study where she found scriptural support for the idea of women ministers, she suffered a period of illness and was confined to bed for six months. It was then that Woosley fully gave herself over to God, and redoubled her resolve to preach. Her chance came on January 1, 1887, when a minister didn't arrive at a small Caneyville church. The church session, knowing of Woosley's deep knowledge of the Bible, asked her to conduct the New Year's Day service.

Woosley became a successful preacher in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (CPC) denomination. Woosley argued that denying women the right to preach also denied the Holy Spirit. The Presbytery of Nolin ordained her to the full work of the ministry in November 1889. When the Synod of Kentucky ordered her removal from the roll, the presbytery refused. In 1890 and 1894, the presbytery also elected Woosley an alternate delegate to the General Assembly. Congregations and mid councils within the CPC had a greater sense of autonomy than corresponding bodies in other Presbyterian denominations. The Presbytery of Nolin's actions in support of Woosley were at least partially attributable to its defense of self-determination.

In 1894, the CPC General Assembly endorsed Woosley as a lay evangelist. Many defended the outcome on the grounds of mid council autonomy, even if they were not personally ready to accept women ministers.

The question of women's ordination persisted in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for years. At least seven other women who were ordained by CPC bodies never received full acceptance from the General Assembly. Not until 1921 — 32 years after Reverend Woosley's ordination by the Presbytery of Nolin did the CPC General Assembly rule that women could be ordained as ministers, elders, and deacons. That decision was 35 years before the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. took similar action, in 1956, and ordained Margaret E. Townner its first woman minister. The Presbyterian Church in the U.S. approved the ordination of women ministers in 1964. Rachel Henderlite was the first woman minister from that denomination.

SCRIP *Cards*

**Our SCRIP fundraiser began on
April 22nd and will end on May 6th**

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 — Spring and Fall.

The cards will come in after Mother's Day. During the fundraiser, the Youth will be in the 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



Questions? Please contact Justin Devine or Joi Kesner
at ccpcyouth15@gmail.com or 707-344-3325

AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE CONCLUDES A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AT CCPC

Since 2009, CCPC has supported the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program by permitting the use of Dodds Hall for tax preparation on Tuesdays and Thursdays during our tax season of early February through mid-April. We wrapped up another successful season on April 17, having electronically filed 600 returns this season. Based on a conservative estimate for the cost of a professionally prepared return, we saved taxpayers in the Bowie area upwards of \$120,000.

We prepare and electronically file federal and Maryland returns at no cost to our clients. We are trained and certified each tax year by IRS. Because we are co-sponsored by AARP, we give preference to taxpayers age 60 and older, but we welcome all ages. There is no requirement to be an AARP member. We are not certified to prepare returns that involve the more complicated aspects of the tax code (e.g., rental property income).

We are the largest of seven sites in Prince George's County and have grown to 22 volunteers, 13 of whom are certified to prepare returns. We are always looking for new volunteers. We operate by appointment only and must turn away many potential clients from about mid-March due to lack of certified volunteers. Rev. Dick Neff and Elder Steve Donoian are among our certified volunteers.

CCPC also supports county-wide aspects of our program. In particular, Dodds Hall is the site for training of all county volunteers (now 68 strong) the first two weeks in January each year.

I thank the Session and CCPC members for their continuing support. I also am grateful to Justin Devine and the youth group for setting up tables and chairs to our desired arrangement after their gathering on Sunday evenings, so that we are ready to perform our magic on Tuesday mornings.

Jim Woods
Local Coordinator for the CCPC site
District Coordinator for Prince George's County

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, which passes directly in front of CCPC.**

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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.*

Please remember CCPC in your will.



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.

