

At CCPC, we are blessed with a very dedicated Buildings and Grounds committee. The group consists mainly of past Session chairs of the committee who share an appreciation for the gifts and talents of past and present members who have given their time and money to build and care for our property. The committee meets monthly on the first Wednesday night to discuss the maintenance of our beautiful church buildings. Every month there is something that needs done. By the end of the meeting, tasks are assigned and the work scheduled. Twice a year, we invite the rest of the congregation to participate in outdoor cleanup. We are fortunate to have several members of the committee with extensive knowledge of commercial structures. Without the efforts of our volunteers, the cost of caring for our property would be much higher. Their devotion is more than just to the property; they are committed to the mission of the church.

Five years ago, the Session authorized a campaign to refurbish the Sanctuary. We tied the campaign to the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Sanctuary in 1994. We replaced the peaked roof, three HVAC units, resurfaced the pews and replaced the fabric and pads, replaced the carpet, and installed a new sound and video system. Overall, we raised and spent about \$300,000.

We addressed every need except the flat roofs on both the Sanctuary and Dodds Hall. We knew these roofs needed attention, but decided to patch them until we found a solution that would offer a permanent fix. We spent \$10,000 for short-term repairs. We knew we were buying time, but the cost of waiting was minimal – we just had to replace lots of ceiling tiles. Over the last two years, the cost of waiting has increased. Major leaks have developed in the Atrium and rest rooms. The pre-school is worried about mold in the CE building. Something needs to be done now.

After considerable investigation of flat roof technology, the committee decided to hire FA Taylor & Sons, located in Baltimore, a full service commercial roofing company in operation since 1938. The company will remove the existing roofing and flashing down to the deck. They will replace all damaged sheeting under the roofing. They will install roof installation that is tapered to force the water to run down to four new roof drains located near the edge. Then, they will install a white rubberized material that when bonded, forms a seamless, sealed surface. Finally, they will install coated edge metal flashings. They will also replace the bad decking on the CE building.

The cost of the project will be between \$120,000 and \$125,000. The final cost depends on how much damaged sheeting must be replaced and how much material is needed to fix the drains and the covering of the entrance to the CE building. The work, which will begin when weather permits, will take approximately 16 days. Bob Brutout, our professional building supervisor (and resident thespian), will be onsite each day to see that the work is done properly.

How will this be paid? Well, we have some money remaining in the Building Fund. This money is left over from the sale of the Adult Day Care Center 11 years ago; some money also remains from the Capital Drive of 2004. It is not, however, sufficient to pay for the roofing project. We are also concerned moving forward to future expensive capital needs. Each year we have had to tap this fund for major capital projects. This year alone we spent \$40,000 on heating units and a hot water heater.

Session has been diligently discussing options to address our funding needs. At the annual meeting, we will lay out how we will seek to fund this project and how we will address current and future needs of the church.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard



Worship Notes

January 13: Service of Reaffirmation Baptism. Baptism of Olivia MacMillian at the 11 am service.

January 20: In light of the celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Justin Devine will be preaching on the great temptations of our time. Focusing on how the application of both the Bible and Dr. King's visions can help us to overcome our sinful nature.



Annual Congregational Meeting

CCPC will have our Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, February 3rd at **10:05 AM** in the Sanctuary. No Adult Ed or Sunday school. Childcare is available during the meeting. Copies of the 2018 Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 27th in the alcove of the Narthex. Electronic copies are available upon request; please contact Robin in the church office at ccpcbowie@verizon.net or 301-262-6008.

Bob Schrott

Lisa, Bob's daughter, said she thinks Bob would love to receive some letters and/or cards from anyone who would like to send him one: 24 Fernwood Ct, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Couples Workshop

A Couples Workshop will be held February 1- 3rd at Imagine Yoga. All couples are welcomed. Join us in activities to improve communication and re-energize your relationship. Hosted by Gina Jadwisiak, LCSW and David Kobe. Based on the bestselling book, "Getting the Love You Want." For further information and to register go to CounselingConnectionsADK.com. A discount is available for CCPC and Imagine Yoga members.

Our Music Ministry in the New Year

These are exciting times in the life of our music ministry here at CCPC! Our music program went into "high gear" during the fall months. Our newly formed Children's Choir sang three times and our Children's Bell Choir rang twice. The season culminated in December as the Celebration Choir and Clinquant provided exquisite music for our *Lessons and Carols* service and Christmas Eve.

A very special thank you to Sara Huey, Matt Novak, Tristan Frank, Bruce and Astrid Jonas, Kim Gedrich and Tony Neff for their special contributions to our musical offerings!

As we begin the new year, we would like to invite you to consider joining our music ministry. The **Celebration Choir** is open to anyone who enjoys singing and is always eager to welcome new members. Clinquant, our adult bell choir, just purchased four octaves of choir chimes and will incorporate this brand new sound into our bell ringing in January! **Clinquant** has three vacant positions that we hope to fill as soon as possible.

The **Children's Choir** rehearses each Sunday morning during the first fifteen minutes of Sunday School (10:00-10:15) and the **Children's Bell Choir** rehearses immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service (usually 12:15-12:45.) We look forward to performing again in the months ahead! Children age 5 and above are welcome in both choirs.

This is the perfect time to join one of our choirs as we begin to "shift gears" by putting away old music and preparing new music for Lent, Holy Week, and beyond.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Rick at ccpcmusic@verizon.net.

Per Capita

Per capita funds allow us to connect and participate in the work of the wider church. Each member is asked to pay \$41.75 from the National Capital Presbytery for 2019. CCPC pays the full amount per member to the Capital Presbytery. We appreciate your contribution toward Per Capita this year. Please indicate it on your offering. Thank you!

Thank You!

I want to thank all of the deacons who have made trips to Crofton Care Rehabilitation Center to visit Dee and me during the month of October and November, and especially to James for his many visits both in the hospital and in Crofton. To Doris Kobe and her daughter, to Nancy and Peter Tutini, and Laurel and Gary Cox.

If you have been trying to call us at home, we have a new phone number. The new number is cell phone 240-461-2529, so please make that change on your phone list.

Thanks again,

Dee and Don McCarty

Adult Education!

Sweet Sorrow: Coping with Dark Experiences and Emotions (4-week series)



All classes to be held in the Adult Education Conference Room

Speakers share strategies to cope with grief, anger, anxiety, depression, and forgiveness within ourselves and our loved ones.

All are welcome.

On January 6, Guest Speaker/Author Sherry Cormier gave her presentation on grief. It was very well attended and received a lot of positive feedback. Don't miss the next three!

January 13—Anger with Therapist Kristen McDermott

January 20—Anxiety/Depression with Gina Kobe

January 27—Forgiveness with Ann Fleming

Knits *with* Sticks



Calling All Knitters and Crocheters!

Our regular third Monday meeting is postponed until Monday, January 28 at 1:00 pm in the Parlor. I will be doing a workshop for the "One-row Handspun Scarf" by Stephanie Pearl McPhee, the Yarn Harlot. This is a very simple stitch pattern that is lovely and calls out to be made over and over!

Blessing,
Priscilla Bouic

Souper Bowl of Caring



"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

On February 3, be part of this national movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Bring your cash and coins so you can give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry, our Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Thank You!

CCPC Children and Youth Ministry

Women's Circles

"Circles" are groups that provide a supportive community to respond to the needs of the women in our congregation. Programs are planned by members, and each circle offers a slightly different focus. Circles meet monthly with devotions, prayers, and offerings for women around the world, and a lesson. For all women of CCPC (members and friends) here is a list of our circles, with descriptive introductions to give you more information about each one. If you're thinking of joining a circle, hopefully this will help you decide which one to try. Even if you weren't thinking of joining one, maybe one of these descriptions will trigger something inside you and you'll come anyway! Circles are open to all women; join (or at least visit) one and make new friends!

Charity Circle meets on the first Thursday of each month, except for July and August, at 10 AM in the Adult Education Conference room. We are women who enjoy sharing, laughter, and study. Our welcome mat is out for you.

Contact Shirley Doyle or Betty Haeussler for more information.

Discovery Circle meets the second Sunday evening of each month, except for July and August, at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. Lillian Cates leads this group of working women, many of whom have older children. We support each other unconditionally through life transitions. We are always open to new members and ideas.

Contact Lillian at 240-393-7704 for more information.

Grace and Glory Circle meets at 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of the month in members' homes, except for June, July, and August. This energetic group of women, young and young at heart, enjoys the fellowship of our sisters in Christ and learning from one another. It's not always just about the lesson in the book.

Contact Julia Leaman at 410-353-5894 for more information.

Joy Circle meets on the second Wednesday of the month from September thru June, except for December when we meet on the first Wednesday. We meet at 12:30pm at members' homes. We are all retired from the business world but are involved in many other activities. We welcome anyone who wants to join.

Contact Nancy Phillips at 301-541-5101 for more information.

Hope Circle uses the Horizon Bible Study materials and meets in members' homes on the third Monday of each month, except for July and August, at 9:30 AM. These active retirees have a monthly mission project supporting various local and international organizations.

Contact Marjorie Tanner at 301-464-2667 for more information.

New Hope Circle meets the first Wednesday of each month, except for July and August, at 7:00 PM in members' homes. We take turns bringing goodies to share and leading a lesson. This diverse group of women in various stages of life appreciates learning together and supporting each other through both the joys and tribulations of life. All are welcome!

Contact Peggy Oates at 301-262-6959 for more information.

COMING SOON!

SEASON 3

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
LIVE**

Join us for Food! Fun! & Fellowship!

**Starts January 16
6:00 pm in Dodds Hall**

Winter Retreat!

Who: 6th through 12th Graders

Where: Rhodes Grove, PA

When: January 25 through 27

Cost: \$50.00

Bring snow clothes, active clothes, pillow, sleeping bag, Bible,
pen, toothbrush, etc.

Questions? Contact Justin Devine at 707-344-3325

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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.

