

A word to the wise: burn all your old high school and college yearbooks. Fraternity Presidents: confiscate all cell phones when hosting parties. NEVER, take pictures of yourself naked. With the cloud — they live forever.

Most people in America grow up in homogeneous neighborhoods. Increasingly, we attend schools with only one racial group. Our friends tend to be very like us. On the exclusively white male playgrounds I grew up in, teenaged banter included racist, sexist and homophobic comments. I would not like to have some of the things I tolerated put out in public view. I have also grown up. When you work with a more diverse group of people, you quickly find your stereotypes exposed. What you might have once thought was funny, or harmless — you learn is offensive and hurtful. Like the great slave ship captain who became an evangelist for abolition, you are able to confess, “I was blind, but now I see.”

When it comes to race in America, there is no moral high ground among the white population.

Virginia may be the birthplace of American slavery and segregation, but Maryland has very little to brag about. Marylander Roger Taney, the Chief Justice who wrote the Dred Scott decision, the most notorious decision-involving race in the history of the Supreme Court, said that constitutionally black people were “a subordinate and inferior class of beings, with no rights which the white man was bound to respect.” His statue sits out front of the statehouse in Annapolis.

Last week Hall of Fame baseball player Frank Robinson passed away. Frank had a storied career, which included fighting racism. Born in Oakland in a mixed neighborhood, he played high school basketball with Bill Russell; the Celtic Great whose Celtics won 11 NBA titles in 13 years. Russell became the first black head coach in the league in 1966. Frank would follow him when he became the first Black Manager in Major League baseball in 1975. Most of his career, when his Red’s would check into a hotel, Frank would have to find a room at the YMCA. The Orioles were able to obtain Robinson in 1966 because the Red’s deemed him over the hill at 31 after he was arrested for fending off an attack of knife wielding white thugs.

Virginia is trying to change. It is a tough climb. Until recently, the state refused to expand Medicaid. The states GOP Senatorial candidate last fall was an unabashed white supremacist. Richmond, the Cradle of the Confederacy, closed all public schools rather than comply with the Brown vs. Board of Education decision. Just 10 years ago when Barack Obama gave his first State of the Union address, Gov. Bob McDonald gave the GOP response from the dais in the Virginia House. Message sent.

Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln read each other’s speeches. They shared an appreciation of the Old Testament prophets who knew the cost of injustice. In Lincoln’s second Inaugural Address, given a few weeks before the end of the war and less than a month before his assignation he said, ***“Fondly do we hope—ferently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondman’s two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, “The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.”***

The season of Lent is around the corner. Lent is about repentance. To repent is more than just saying you are sorry, it demands you turn around and go in a different direction. As Dr. King reminded us, we are “judged by the content of our character.” Youthful ignorance is too prevalent. I think we must all be judged by what we do when we become adults. I love the old bumper sticker, “I am not perfect, but I am better than I was yesterday and not as good as I will be tomorrow.”

Grace and peace,
James Brassard

Worship Notes

February 17th: Jesus continues his inaugural sermon, the Sermon on the Mount, by talking about the law. He is commanding his followers to go beyond the letter of the law and to seek a higher righteousness. *Matthew 5:17-30*. Sermon is "In the Eye of the Law." Baptism of Sefakor Ayivie at 11AM

February 24th: Jesus says there are no shortcuts to a life of faith. To withstand the storms of life we must dig deeper. Jesus says our spiritual lives must be grounded and anchored. Jesus concludes the "Sermon on the Mount" with the parable of the wise and foolish builders: *Matthew 7:24-27*.

March 3rd: Communion Sunday. Jesus informs his disciples he will face death in Jerusalem. They are alarmed. Six days later he takes three of them up on a mountain and shows them a sign of his coming glorification. The event is known as the Transfiguration. *Matthew 17:1-13*.



Thank You!

To Our CCPC Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls and messages during our rough fall season. My mother's illness and death, then Charles' hospitalization and death really shook us to the core. Your love and support was a blessing. Thank you so much for your kindness.

Paul & Carrie Casto; Gordon & Anne Casto; and John & Tracy Backus



Jan and I want to thank the CCPC congregation for all the cards, phone calls, and meals that we have received. Your attention and compassion during this difficult and very unexpected event in our lives is much appreciated. We are hoping to see steady improvement over the next several weeks. We are grateful for your prayers and God's presence during surgery and the road to recovery.

Jim and Jan Bridger

Celebrating the Lives of

Jane Sumner



We will celebrate Jane's life on Saturday, February 16 at 11:00AM in the Sanctuary, followed by a luncheon in Dodds Hall. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane's family and friends.

Eloise Horrom



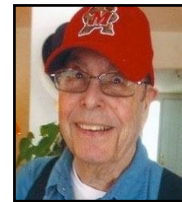
Eloise's life will be celebrated at Donald V Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville, MD on February 16 at 2PM and on February 18 at 10AM at the Chapel of Riderwood Village in Silver Spring, MD.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Eloise's family and friends.



David Wolfe

We will celebrate David's life on February 23 at 11:00am in the Sanctuary, followed by a luncheon in Dodds Hall. Our thoughts and prayers are with David's family and friends.



Giving to CCPC!

Are you interested in other ways of giving to CCPC?

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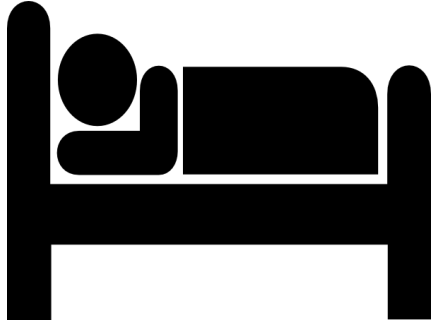
Make an offering online by going to our website at <http://ccpc.bowiemd.org> and click the "Donate" button. You can also give anytime by scanning the square image, using your phones "Quick Response" (QR) code reader and you'll be taken to our secure online donation form. If you would like to make this a recurring offering, please consider automated online giving by creating a recurring gift online through our website or subscribe to your bank's "Bill Pay" process.



In Your Will or Estate Plan - Make a difference

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.

Warm Nights



Our Warm Nights week went very smoothly thanks to all your support.

We had a great group of clients who were very appreciative of the meals and compassionate support you gave to them. The first night we had 20 guests. However, the next night when the temperature dropped the number jumped up to 33. We peaked at 35 and ended the week with 27. Hosting Warm Nights would not be possible without the active involvement of many members of our congregation. I would like to highlight a few people who have been exceptional. Ann and Bob Shelby and Carl Neumann have been instrumental in acquiring the supplies prior to the start of our week and checking to make sure that we don't

run low during the week. I know I can always count on Dave Conrad, Chuck Tanner, Mark and Daniel Pfarrer and others to serve as overnight hosts — they do so year after year. We could not provide the wonderful meals without the support of the Women's Circles, the Youth Group and the individual families who sign up every year. Through the week, many of the clients let me know how much they appreciated all the support the church provided.

Paul Sell, Warm Nights Coordinator

Adult Education!

Frederick Douglass: 2-week series



On February 17, Wayne Smith will present for discussion a famous sermon by Frederick Douglass called, "The Slaveholder's Sermon."

On February 24, Wayne Smith will present for discussion a second famous sermon by Douglass called, "Self-Made Men."

Location: Adult Ed Conference Room at 10:00 AM

Sue Cobb Memorial Pancake Dinner



Shrove Tuesday
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019
5:30 to 7:30 PM

The purpose of the Pancake Supper is to raise money for the Sue Cobb Scholarship Memorial Fund, which is awarded annually to a high school graduate of CCPC.

Sue Cobb was an active member of CCPC. She served on the Session and was very involved in Mission. Sue loved, and lived for, serving others. She fought a courageous seven-year battle against ovarian cancer.

Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to come have pancakes to support the Sue Cobb Scholarship Fund!

Music News!



Announcing the First Concert in our 2019 Concert Series!

Sunday, March 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Nolan King, pianist

Nolan is returning to CCPC to present a program of masterworks by Bach, Beethoven, Debussy, Liszt and Scriabin.

A free will offering will be received and a reception will follow

Got Early Music?

Is there anyone in our community who either plays or used to play the recorder? There is a myriad of beautiful early music scored for recorders and harpsichords. If you are interested in exploring future performance opportunities here at CCPC, please speak with Rick Osborne!

WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE

February 20, 2019 at 5:55 PM in Dodds Hall

FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

MARCH 29 - 31, 2019

LOCATION: Rhodes Grove Camp & Conference Center, 7693 Brown's Mill Road, Chambersburg, PA
(www.rhodesgrove.com) Our main conference building contains our dining services, hotel-style rooms, office suite, and multiple meeting rooms, all under one roof! This modern facility also contains a favorite spot for guests – our main reception lobby with comfy couches, a stone fireplace, and easy access to all locations in the building. Pull right up and unload beneath the generous sized carport and you'll quickly see why guests return year after year.

INCLUDED: Two nights stay with 5 meals, beginning Friday night. Dinner 6:00 p.m.
All materials, except your bibles. We will be working with stones. If you have a rock, stone, or other item, like jewelry or art object with a stone, please bring it for our discussion.

LEADER: Sharon Youngdahl

THEME: *"Ease on down the Road" – into the Light*

COST: Double Room \$225. per person / Triple Room \$195. per person
Quad Room \$165 / Single Room \$295.

Pay in full by Feb. 24 for a \$10 discount. Need 4 meals – another \$10 discount.
Scholarship money is available. We want everyone to attend.

Questions: Peggy Oates 301-262-6959 peggyoates@hotmail.com or
Cyd Radden-LeSage 301-352-9582 wyonative@verizon.net

Checks payable to: Presbyterian Women – CCPC.
Put with form in PW church office mailbox.

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Don't miss out on
Summer Work Camp
2019!

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 to SATURDAY, JULY 6

We will be working with Appalachia Service Project this summer,
staying at the Guyan Valley West Virginia Center in Brenton, WV 24818.

Our work will be in Wyoming County doing home repairs.

The per capita income of this region is \$19,000 with 22% living below poverty. Their major employers are coal companies, the Board of Education, other community resources, and retail.

Anyone 19 years of age and older must have a background check (approximately \$12).

Please get this information from Susan Brutout or Justin Devine.

We need to send a deposit to hold the spots for those coming on March 1.

Don't delay! Let Justin or Susan know if you are interested!

Zumba!

Free and Fun Exercise
February 17, 2019
2PM—4PM in Dodds Hall

To answer any questions and to RSVP,
please contact Bridget Peters at
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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.*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! 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.