

March 1, 2019 Christian Community Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Back in the golden days of the automobile, most small towns had a car club. In the spring and in the fall, the club would arrange a Road Rally. These Rallies were competitions of a sort, but they were designed to get people together and to foster a greater appreciation for the other communities in your region. Each set of riders were given a map and details to note along the route. When you arrived at the end of each leg, you turned in your map and got a new one for the next leg. The activity would usually end with a dinner at a designated restaurant in a neighboring town. During dinner, Club members would share what lessons they learned. Newcomers would often get their first real introduction to the other towns in the region. Club veterans would see familiar roads and communities with a fresh set of eyes.

For our Lenten journey this year, we are following Jesus from the conclusion of his Sermon on the Mount to his arrival into Jerusalem for Holy Week. Matthew's gospel is our roadmap for this year's journey. Jesus's goal is to transform us from mere hearers of the Word into doers of the Word. As Jesus commissions and send us out from his first sermon — he urges both self-awareness and self-correction.

The Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5-7*), is Jesus' inaugural address. He begins by blessing the hearers who are facing hardship. After blessing them, he commissions and sends them out. The rest of the gospel shows the disciples trying to apply the lessons from the first sermon. We will examine the Practices of prayer (March 10), Practices of reconciliation (March 17), How to stop being critical of others (March 24), How to overcoming anxiety (March 31). On April 7, we will hear the story of the Last Judgment, which is actually the final exam on the question: Did you live the Golden Rule? Each week we will offer a hand out with questions and some suggested actions. There will be a chance to post your lessons learned on our CCPC Facebook page. We will also hear some short testimonies about what you discovered.

Max DePree, author of popular leadership texts, is fond of saying that beliefs shape practices. If you want to know what you truly believe, you only need to examine your behaviors. Jesus challenges each of us to align our practices and behaviors in our workaday lives with our stated beliefs.

We will follow Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, we will meet around the communion table to hear Jesus' final instructions. On Good Friday, we'll have an intergenerational "Stations of the Cross." We will begin outside beside the campfire – just like the first disciples: longing to be with Jesus, but fearful of being identified and accused as a follower. We will move around the church campus to the seventh and final station where we experience the Temple veil being torn in half.

As someone who has spiritually made the trek from the shore of the Sea of Galilee to Jerusalem many times, I am looking forward to hearing what you discover along the road. See you on the road to Jerusalem.

James Brassard



Candy Donations!

Please help Children's Ministry fill Easter eggs for the egg hunt by donating small individually wrapped candy. There is a box in the church office for donations. <u>Deadline for donations is April 1st.</u> Thank you for your generosity!

Deacon Lenten Lunch

BAKED POTATO BASH

MARCH 17, 2019 at 12 Noon

Join us for delicious, big baked potatoes and all the toppings!



Worship Notes

March 3rd: Transfiguration Sunday. Six days after foretelling his death, Jesus takes his core leadership team: Peter, James, and John, and leads them up a mountain by themselves. On the mountaintop, they witness a special revelatory event known as the Transfiguration: *Matthew* 17:1-8. The memory of this spectacular event helps prepare them for what they will witness in Jerusalem.

March 10th: First Sunday in Lent. We begin our Lenten journey with the purpose and power of prayer Matthew 6:5-15 and 7:7-11.

March 17th: The Road to Reconciliation: *Matthew 18:22-35* Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.

March 24th: The Road to Understanding: *Matthew 20:1-16* Parable of the Laborers of the Vineyard.

March 31st: The Road to Peace: Matthew 6:24-35 and Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Talents.





Ash Wednesday Worship Services

Join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7am and 7pm for Ash Wednesday services.

Phurch Linens!

Please check your laundry room for colorful linens. If you see some in there, they may belong in the linen closet at church. Kindly wash and return them for others to use.

> Thanks so much. Sharon McNamara

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 (March 7th through April 20th) at 7:15 AM for the reading of the daily lectionary and a brief prayer.We are usually finished by 7:30 AM.



Easter is on Sunday, April 21, 2019!

At CCPC, we honor and remember loved ones with Easter lilies. Thirty-two single stem with 5-7 blooms have been ordered. The cost is \$14.00 and the deadline to get your order in is by Palm Sunday, April 14.

The order form is below or you can get one off the table in the atrium. Please put the completed order form with payment in the Flower Committee mailbox in the church office. Any questions, please contact Judyann Feinstein at judith.a.glazener@gmail.com or (240) 351-4121.

Easter Líly Order Form
Gíven By:
Contact Number/Emaíl:
We want to be sure names are spelled correctly.
Please Print the Name(s) of the people you are honoring:
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Enclosed is sfor my total order. Please make checks payable to CCPC-Flower Committee
Thank you !

Adult Education!



March 3, 10, 17, 24

Christian Engagement with the #MeToo Movement

Discussion Topics include Sexual abuse in Scripture and church settings, and changing norms surrounding Gender and LGBTQ relations.

Teachers: Astrid Jonas (March 3), Alex Kummer (March 10 and 24) and Andrea Brassard (March 17)

Hour & Location: 10:00 AM in the Adult Education Conference Room

Nolan King Concert!

Join us at 4:00pm on Sunday, March 3, 2019 in the Sanctuary to enjoy a special concert by Nolan King! Nolan will be playing works by Bach, Beethoven, Debussy, Liszt, and Scriabin. A free will offering will be received and a reception in the Atrium will follow.



Announcing the Second Performance in our 2019 Concert Series!

Sunday, April 7th at 4:00 p.m.

"Harriet Tubman: The Chosen One"

-and-"Portals Through Time"

Nationally acclaimed actress, Gwendolyn Briley-Strand, will present the life of Harriet Tubman and her adventures as a conductor on the Underground Railroad. At the conclusion of the performance, the audience will be invited to participate in an open conversation with Ms. Briley-Strand.

The outstanding photographic exhibit, "Portals Through Time," documenting the history of the African slave trade, Emanicipation, the Jim Crow Era and Black Migration, will be on display in Dodd's Hall before and after the performance.

All performances in our concert series are free and the public is cordially invited!

A free will offering will be received and a reception will follow the performance.

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 <u>peggyoates@hotmail.com</u> or Cyd Radden-LeSage 301-352-9582 <u>wyonative@verizon.net</u>
Checks payable to: Presbyterian Women – CCPC
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LIST ANY FOOD REQUEST:
Thank You!



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!

Wednesday Night Live!

Wednesday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 20th Dodds Hall at 5:55pm

Food! Fun! Fellowship!

Chesapeake Chorale

presents

Side by Side with Soundheim

March 16 & 17, 2019 in Dodds Hall

Saturday, March 16 at 7:30pm and Sunday, March 17 at 3:00pm

Featuring works from Stephen Soundheim, including Sunday in the Park with George, Sweeney Todd, Into the Woods, Anyone Can Whistle, and more!

Advance tickets are discounted until March 5: \$12 - Sr/Mil; \$18 - Adult. Contact Chuck Tanner, Andrea Brassard or Marty Sippel if you are interested. After March 5, regular prices will be: \$20 - Adult; \$15 - Sr/Military, and \$5 - Student.

For information, please contact the Chesapeake Chorale at 240-206-8903 or www.chesapeakechorale.org.

Trip to Climbzone!

Saturday, March 16, 1pm to 3pm

Address: 13200 Mid Atlantic Blvd., Laurel, MD

Families, children, and youth are invited to join us for climbing fun at Climbzone. The cost is \$10 per climber or \$20 per family. Drinks and snacks will be provided. RSVP to Carrie Bence or Justin.

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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 <u>www.ImagineThePlace.com</u>, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail info@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.