

We had our Annual Memorial Brick Ceremony on Sunday, September 29, 2019, and I was asked to include my brief remarks in *The Caller*. Today, we remember and give thanks for the lives of our CCPC Saints.

It is hard to think what CCPC would be without them. I can't speak personally for those I didn't know, so, I asked family members to help me craft the below brief comments.

Jack (John) Lewis was a Marine, a devoted husband and a loving father. He was a hard worker who came to Bowie in the 60's, and began his own building company, Lewis Contractors. He is responsible for many of the remodels and additions you see in Bowie homes today. He loved to fish, and one of the happiest days of his life was when rockfish season re-opened on the Chesapeake Bay. He attended every inaugural parade from Truman to Clinton until his legs couldn't take the walking anymore. His favorite hymn was "The Old Rugged Cross;" daughter Linda Miller can still hear him singing in his beautiful deep baritone, knowing every word by heart.

Bev Clemence sang in the CCPC Choir for over 50 years. Bev, along with her husband, Ted — who predeceased Bev by 30 years — were instrumental in the establishment of the wonderful music ministry at this church. They passed on their love of music to their three sons — raised in the church and active in many theatrical productions. Bev served on the Session, as did her son, Kevin, and daughter-in-law Lara. Bev loved to read and play Bridge. And she loved to bowl. Facing a second knee surgery, Bev, who didn't love exercise, adopted an aggressive exercise program because she couldn't stand to miss so much time in the league. Bev was intensely competitive up to the end.

Ruth Yarber was born in Ireland. She had a life of adventure with her husband Bob for many years. After Bob died, Ruth left the Florida Keys to move to Bowie. Ruth was active in Health and Healing Prayer Ministry. In her previous Presbyterian congregations Ruth was one of the first Stephen Ministers. She served many terms as a Deacon. Ruth could always perceive the grace-filled things God was doing. She was always an example of God's love.

Guy Kennon was born and raised in DC. Guy had many jobs over the years. He was a government worker. Each town he lived in he became active in work he enjoyed and that brought joy to others. Madeline's loving husband for 31 years and a devoted father and grandfather. Guy had a passion for music: playing the piano, trombone, drums and guitar as a child. He loved to play the guitar and talk with people. He was a devoted Redskins fan.

Harry and Lorraine Donoian moved to Bowie and joined CCPC in 1968. Harry loved attending social events, especially the Munchin Luncheon where he could trade stories and jokes with Jack Craven, Gordon Ebersole and Frank Sumner. Harry loved to tell stories and laugh. He loved to play the harmonica and played a few solo's in worship. Harry died 10 years ago and Lorraine just two months ago. They traveled with the Gadabouts and with church trips led by Dick Neff. Their son Steve faithfully took care of his parents the last 19 years; he currently serves on the session and is our financial secretary.

Ed Godfrey had so many roles at CCPC and in the Bowie community. Former pastor Rex McDaniel told me, "Ed and Gloria are full-time church volunteers." Ed was instrumental in the establishment of the Bowie Food Pantry. He organized the Boy Scout's Food Drive — still the largest food collection event and one that spawned other food drives in other organizations. Ed helped get people's finances in order so they could retire and do the things they wanted to do. Did he and Gloria ever travel! Ed loved to plan trips so he could see everything the area had to offer. Ed was always starting groups that connected people, from tennis to writing. Ed and Gloria raised a large family. They used to take a yearly Christmas picture with each new family addition included. These annual pictures were arrayed in order in the hallway of their Bowie home. The Godfrey home was dedicated to service and devoted to CCPC.

Esta Keim moved to Bowie soon after the much too early passing of her husband, Howard. Howard and Esta served in the military and were stationed all around the world. Esta spoke warmly of each place they served and of the people they befriended. In Bowie, Esta was a dedicated and innovative schoolteacher. Her brick says, "A Teacher's Teacher." She continued to teach in some capacity into her 80's. An animal lover, Esta was one of the co-founders of Bowie CLAW, which advocates and supports pet owners and pet rescuers in Bowie. A Cornell graduate, star athlete and was extremely well read. She was an active member of CCPC Book groups and the Bell Choir.

Margaret Miller was born an only child in 1925 in Chicago, Illinois but lived most of her adult life in Bowie. She was a devoted mother of 5 children, who all grew up at CCPC. She was an incredibly giving grandmother to her 8 grandchildren. She loved to be surrounded by family and listen to the conversations around her. She also loved to cook, especially her infamous chocolate chip cookies, which she happily distributed wherever she was or if she couldn't be there she would send them by mail! Margaret also loved to sew. She was always making blankets and clothing for her children and grandchildren as well as helping out with costumes for the CCPC Theatre Troupe for many productions. You could often find her in the evening doing crossword puzzles and watching television or any time the Redskins were playing verbally coaching from the living room!

Bob Schrott loved kids. He was one of the original rotating team Audrey Scott organized to present the weekly Children's Message. Bob had his signature messages. You knew spring was coming when he brought in his dandelions. There was always a slightly different interpretation but it was essentially this: like Christians, dandelions roots are deep and beautiful, and like Jesus on Easter, they come back every year. The early Christmas Eve "Family Service" always featured Bob and his Happy Birthday Jesus Cake. Bob was a connector of people. A fine baseball player, he coached and played on softball teams here and at work. Bob helped the team keep the game in perspective: "It's just a game and we are here to enjoy ourselves." Bob believed if you get people together regularly for fellowship and recreation good things happened. Bob was not only friendly to kids, he was a pioneer and mentor to many in the intelligence community. I remember fondly his trips on the trains in China with his sidekick, Bill Freeborne. Bob and his wife, Rose, who died suddenly a few years ago, were proud parents of three: Bob, Tim, and Lisa. Lisa is currently a pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Hilton Head.

David Wolfe is survived by his wife, Margaret, their two sons, Chuck and Tom, and their son's wives as well as a grandson, Spencer. David was a probation officer. He was committed to getting troubled kids back on track. He tried to give structure and focus to the young people from homes without much structure. He often lamented "too many youth and not enough help." David was good at his work because he had a moral compass that always pointed true north. An avid sports fan, he loved the Terps, was an admirer of Vince Lombardi and Mickey Mantle. Dave was not blessed with good health. He had a severe heart attack at 39. He had to retire early, but somehow lived to 86. In our frequent lunches at Glory Days, he always insisted it conclude with ice cream and cake. He loved to tell stories and often the retelling produced a twinkle in his eye. David was also a Food Pantry interviewer for many years.

Calvan Pals was another super volunteer who retired early and devoted himself to CCPC. For many years he served as financial secretary. Cal and his wife, Lois, faithfully recorded attendance. They would tabulate the sheets and add the names of those who were present but didn't sign in. Cal and Lois never forgot people. There would sometimes be long gaps between the visits of Adult Children — yet they would remember the names and names of their children. Cal kept track of addresses for *The Caller*. He and Lois, along with a variety of others throughout the years, imprinted the addresses, folded and stamped the newsletter. A meticulous record keeper, Cal was vigilant in honoring those who served the church. Many bricks on the walkway were purchased by Cal for individuals whose families had moved away. He wanted these saints to be remembered. He left us a detailed record about who is in the garden and where their bricks are located. Cal and Lois sang for many years in the choir. Every night, Cal, who lived just two blocks from here, would walk the church property to make sure the doors were locked. He even picked up garbage. A good Presbyterian, Cal kept everything "decently and in order."

I walked the brick walkway last night. I read the names — most of whom I know, people I loved and laughed with, served and worshipped with. There are many husbands and wives with bricks sitting side by side. I remembered that I officiated at both their memorial services. Every Brick tells a story. A story of faith. A story of friendship. We see in their lives how they uniquely answered the call of God and how they were faithful in their journey as Christ's disciples. We give thanks for their lives and their service. By knowing them and observing their lives, we have our own faith strengthened.

Grace and peace,
Rev. James Brassard

Candidates Forum!

The Bowie Mayoral and Council candidates will be at
St. Matthews Church on Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 pm.

Next Caller!

The next Caller will be going out on October 31.
The deadline is by 9:00 am Tuesday, October 30.

Out of Office!

Robin will be out of the office starting when she leaves on
Wednesday, October 9, and will return on Thursday, October 24.

If anyone is interested in helping out in the office while she is away, contact her
at 301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net.

Presbyterian Women

Save the Dates!

Sat., November 2 - Ladies Mini-retreat - "Unique"!

9am to 1pm in Dodds Hall, Coffee, tea, pastries, and a light lunch. Cost is \$8

RSVP to Carrie oates23@hotmail.com or Marty marty.sippel@gmail.com

Sun., January 5, 2020 - New Year's Pot Luck

12 Noon (after second service)

Tues., February 25 – Sue Cobb Memorial

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at 6pm in Dodds Hall

Fri.-Sun., March 27-29 - Women's Retreat

Rhodes Grove Conference Center (Chambersburg, PA). All CCPC women and friends invited!

Sun., June 7 – Women's Sunday

11am (Second Service Only). Reception honoring CCPC's Honorary Lifetime Member

Adult Education!

21st Century Spirituality

How do we connect with God in the 21st century?

Join us for a 4-week course that examines different modes of divine connection.

Oct 6: Worship — It's Not Like It Used to Be with Jen Woods,

Oct 13: How Scripture Can Come Alive in Your Life
with Rick Snyder

Oct 20: Prayer: Beyond 911 with Mary Brock

Oct 27: Service/People - Helping with Justin Devine

Join us at 10:00 am in the Adult Ed Conference Room

Music Concerts

A Musical Trio

Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Csilla Lakatos, cellist; Maureen Cannon, flutist; and Rick Osborne, keyboard. The trio will present works by Handel, Liszt, and Mozart

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

Elisabeth Von Trapp

Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Ms. Von Trapp, granddaughter of the Austrian family that inspired "The Sound of Music," will delight everyone with a program of scripture, stories and songs.
Suggested \$10 donation.

Bayfield Brass Quintet

Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 4:00 pm

The quintet and organist Rick Osborne will present music of the Italian Renaissance and Baroque. In observance of Veterans Day, the second half of the program will feature a mix of Armed Forces selections, patriotic music and popular marches.

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

CCPC's Annual TRUNK OR TREAT

This is a fun event you do not want to miss!

**Sunday, October 27, 2019
3:00 to 4:30 PM**

Come in costume and **meet on the playground** behind the church. While the grownups are getting their trunks decorated, the kids will have time for some outdoor fun and games. **Trunks should be ready by 3:30** so that the Trunk or Treating can begin. Decorate your vehicles, dress up in costumes, and hand out treats from the trunk of your car.



We will be awarding a Golden Pumpkin, a Silver Pumpkin, and a Bronze Pumpkin for the best trunks! We're not asking for any extra volunteers or candy donations. We just want you to join us for the fun. So, if you've never decorated a trunk, this is your year!

In case of rain, the event will be held in Dodd's Hall.

Zumba Classes

FREE!

Join us in Dodds Hall

Saturday, October 5 at 2:30 PM

Saturday, October 12 at 10:00 AM

Saturday, October 19 at 2:30 PM

Christmas Families

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 10	Christmas Family Program Kick Off
Sunday, November 17	Sign Ups Continue
Sunday, November 24	Last Sign Ups
Saturday, December 7	Set Up Dodd's Hall after Christmas Family Movie Potluck
Sunday, December 8 from 9-12pm	Wrapped Gift Drop Off (Dodd's Hall) <u>FIRM DROP OFF DAY – ONE DAY ONLY DROP OFF</u>
Thursday, December 12—TBD	Pick up food order from Giant (non-perishables) & Re Set Dodd's Hall for Food Sorting Baked Goods Due (can be dropped off in kitchen)
	Food Sorting & Consolidation
Friday, December 13	Family Pick Up/Delivery



Alternative Christmas Market!

The Alternative Christmas Gift Market will be in the Atrium on

November 3rd from 9am to 1pm in Dodds Hall

All proceeds will go 100% to various mission programs. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to browse the tables for information as to what the mission choices are all about. Your gift donation to any of the organizations given in the name of someone in your family, a friend or a coworker will help improve the quality of life for people locally and around the world. Just go table to table and see if you would like to donate to any of the charities, then pick up a free Christmas card and tell the person you shopped for the item you bought them. There will be a list of all the charities and you decide how much you want to donate. Come check us out and enjoy the experience. Afterwards enjoy a bowl of soup for lunch and visit with your guests. It's a great way to start off the giving season.

See you there, Sharon McNamara &
Kris Ross & Deb Sell

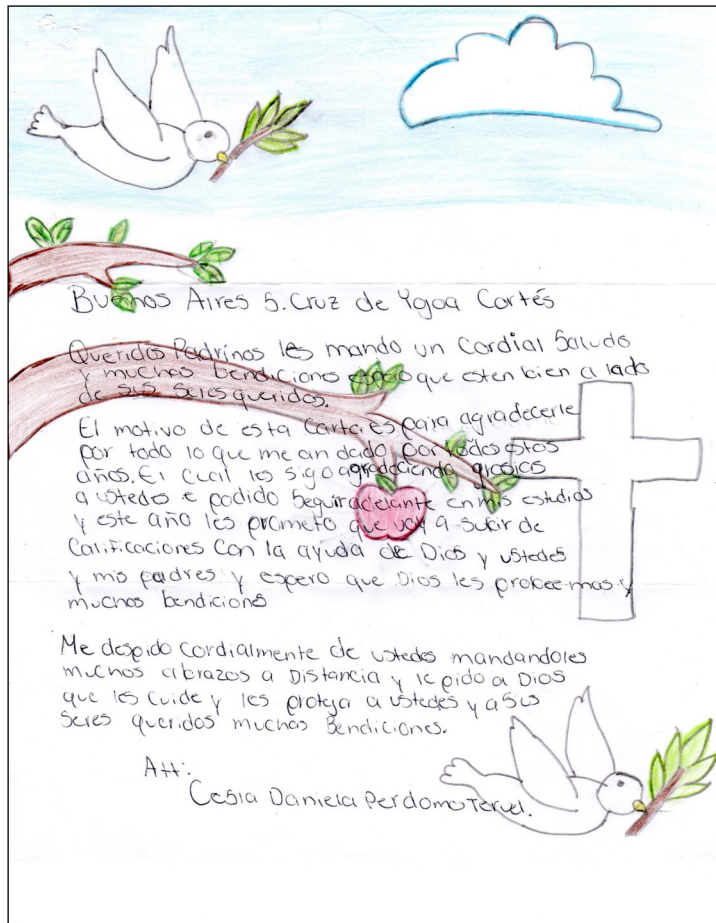
News from Sal y Luz

Ministerio Sal y Luz (Salt and Light) of Honduras, a non-denominational Christian organization founded in 2002, works to deliver the gospel of Jesus Christ by being the salt and light of the world.

The Salt and Light Foundation is largely funded by American volunteers, and administered jointly by Americans and Hondurans. They were instrumental in helping establish the early Living Waters for the World installations in Honduras, and they own and operate a medical clinic in Peña Blanca, near the hotel where CCPC's LWW team usually stays while in Honduras. Salt and Light is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the people in rural areas of Honduras.

One of the ways Salt and Light improves the quality of life is to provide scholarships for elementary through high school students to supply school uniforms, school supplies, shoes and medical care. The students have to meet the program criteria and keep up their grades. CCPC has sponsored scholarships since 2010.

Below is a letter to CCPC from one of the sponsored students.



Dear Sponsors,

I send you a cordial greeting and many blessings, hoping you and your loved ones are well.

The motive of this letter is to thank you for all you have given me throughout these years. I keep thanking you. Thanks to you, I have been able to move forward in my studies and this year I promise that I will better my grade average with the help of God, you all, and my parents. I hope that God provides you with more and many blessings.

I say goodbye to you, sending you many hugs across the distance and I ask God to take care of and protect you and your loved ones. Many blessings.

Att: Cesia Daniela Perdomo Teruel

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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.

