

This coming Wednesday kicks off another season of Lent. I always look forward to this time of year despite the busy schedule it provides. Every year we kickoff the festivities with our Annual Sue Cobb Memorial Pancake Dinner. We hope you will join us for this event because 1. It honors one of the saints of our congregation who has left behind a legacy of love and service to the congregation, 2. It continues the time honored tradition of using up the dairy products for a feast before the fasting season of Lent begins, and 3. It raises funds to honor our hard-working senior girls to help ease the burden of their education costs. The following day we continue our traditions with both our morning and evening Ash Wednesday Services and then on Thursday Chuck Tanner begins leading the daily Lectionary readings at 7:15am.

I was first introduced to Ash Wednesday and Lent when I was sixteen, my first year in the Presbyterian church. We always had youth group on Wednesdays and on this particular Wednesday our Senior Pastor Rev. Alan Jackson came down to “the barn” during the worship portion of youth group. He spoke a lot about “dust” and we took turns being marked with the ashes. It was surreal to see a room full of more than 80 of us all marked with our ashen crosses. We then spent our small group time talking about “giving something up” for Lent. I felt convicted to give up swearing ... something that was easier said than done. Thanks to accountability from some good friends of mine, that included an intense push-up penalty system, it was something that really never reentered my vocabulary the same way.

Over the next few years I struggled with what felt like glorification of what people would or would not give up and who was giving up the “best” thing for Lent. Thus after hearing a sermon in college on the same topic I chose another path. That year, annoyed with the concept of everyone giving up sugar or soda, I decided to give up tying my shoes. Yes, I am serious, and yes I was being that ridiculous. In what quickly turned out to be a case of doing the right thing for the wrong reasons I was quickly put in my place about my protest. My roommate bought me my first pair of flip flops, and concerned strangers tied my tennis shoes on the street during that rainy March. I had more conversations about God, because of un-tied shoes, than I ever had before. I think I realized how Jonah felt after trying to dodge his call to Nineveh. Most importantly my appreciation and respect for the disciplines associated with Lent rooted themselves permanently into my heart.

The Lenten fast dates back to the times of the Apostles and has been formalized since the First Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. It is a time of preparation, repentance and discipline. It is a chance to get ourselves back into good habits or have the strength to fend off bad ones. In this coming season of Lent whether you give up something bad, or add something good (daily devotional etc.), let it be the spirit of honoring God and his immense love for us.

In Christ,
Justin

Celebrating the Life of Barbara Weaver

July 23, 1937 - February 14, 2020



Barbara passed away peacefully on February 14, 2020. She was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania on July 23, 1937 and graduated from Steelton High School.

She met and then married William Weaver in 1965 and they moved to Bowie, Maryland.

Barbara was the loving wife of the late William H. Weaver and beloved mother of Jill T. Mattie (Andrew) of Billings, Montana, Susan W. Tennant (David) of Arnold, Maryland, and James Paul Hummel Weaver (Teresa) of Burke, Virginia. Barbara was Nana to Ivan, Mick and Anna Mattie; Amanda and Jacob Tennant; and Daniel and Eli Weaver. She was also loved by her sister Elizalee Boop of Steelton, Pennsylvania and her nieces and nephews.

Barbara was a 53-year member in Beta Sigma Phi. She loved to play all types of games, Hearts with the family, Mah Jongg and lately Rummicube. Barbara loved the beach, family vacations, and crab feasts. And most of all, being around family and friends.

Barbara was a long time member of CCPC; she joined in November 1981 with her husband Bill. Throughout her church years, she made many friends and was a vibrant and dedicated member. Barbara will be missed very much by her CCPC family.

A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on

**Saturday, February 29 at 11:00 am,
followed by a luncheon in Dodds Hall.**

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

Worship Notes

February 23: Transfiguration Sunday Matthew 17: 1-9 Rev. Richard Neff "Turning Points Require Good Decisions"

February 26: Ash Wednesday 7am with Rev. Neff and at 7pm with Justin Devine

March 1: Matthew 4:1-11 Rev. Richard Hays "It Takes a Wilderness to Declutter Your Soul"

March 8: John 3:1-17 Justin Devine "What We Believe"



Adult Education!

Our 3-week Adult Education series is entitled, "Morals from Marvel Studios: The Secrets of the Universe Revealed." We will be taking a fun look at serious topics using the Marvel Cinematic Universe as a lens to discuss many things.

The series started February 9 and will end February 23.

All classes will be held in the Adult Ed Conference room.

Finished—February 9

How the Journey of the Avengers mirrors the Journey of Jesus and His disciples

Finished—February 16

Fighting Injustice: Why is it so messy and difficult? What lengths should we take?

Last Class this Sunday at 10am!

February 23

Why representation matters, in movies, television and more.

Ash Wednesday!

Join us in the Sanctuary at 7am and 7pm for our 30-minute worship services, which include the Imposition of Ashes.

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 (February 27 through April 11) at 7:15 AM for the reading of the daily lectionary and a brief prayer. We are usually finished by 7:30 AM.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner!



**Tuesday, March 17
5:30pm to 7:00pm in Dodds Hall**

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's day with
Luck of the Irish Dinner & Games! Don't forget to wear green!

Lá Fhéile Pádraig Shona!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



**Fundraiser for Sue Cobb
Memorial Scholarship**

**Tuesday, February 25
at 6pm in Dodds Hall**

Pancakes, syrup, sausage & applesauce! Suggested donation is \$10 per person, but it's a fundraiser, so please be generous as you enter. Money raised adds to the scholarship fund for CCPC's graduating senior girls. These scholarships are in memory of Sub Cobb, who died in 2009 after a long and hard fight against ovarian cancer.

Climbzone

**Join us on
Saturday, March 14
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm**

Bring your friends! Children, youth, and adults are all invited to climb or watch!

**Location: 13200 Mid Atlantic Boulevard
(Suite 130), Laurel, MD 20708**



Come join us at ClimbZone in Laurel, MD for a unique climbing experience which was brought from New Zealand. The stand-out feature of ClimbZone is the climbing walls themselves, as each of the walls is truly a work of art. Climbers can scale walls like Mount Rushmore, the Lincoln Memorial, or take a trek across a state map of the United States. Another special feature of ClimbZone is the auto-belay system. This hydraulic system means that climbers can take control of their descent, returning to the ground without relying on another person.

COST: \$10 per climber or \$20 per family
Also if you don't want to climb but want to watch, that is FREE!
We will be in the BLUE tent!

Online waivers will need to be completed for each climber. You can do this onsite or online to expedite the process: <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/58d05c5f73787/web/>

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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2020 CONCERT SERIES

Presents

Mark Jaster and Sabrina Mandell

as

“Pinot and Augustine”



Sunday, March 1, 2020
at 4:00 pm

Pinot, the authoritarian clown and Augustine, the appealing bumbler,
will delight families of all ages with their physical comedy, virtuosity
and musical surprises!

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

CCPC's ***Upcoming Concerts***

Sunday, April 5 ***"Rosa Parks: A Time"***

Nationally acclaimed actress Ms. Briley-Strand returns to CCPC as Rosa Parks in her historic act of civil disobedience which helped change the course of the American Civil Rights movement.

Sunday, May 3 **Nolan King, pianist**

Mr. King returns presenting a program including masterworks by Beethoven, Prokofiev and Liszt.

Sunday, October 4 **Rick Osborne, organist**

Mr. Osborne will present works of the Romantic period by Brahms, Elgar, Franck, Liszt and Mendelssohn.

Sunday, November 1 **Malcolm X Drummers and Dancers**

Virtuoso drumming and thrilling dancing combine in a celebration of African American culture and history.

Sunday, December 6 **Capital Ringers**

The ensemble, performing on six octaves of handbells and hand chimes, will present a program of seasonal music, including a light show and audience participation.



For more information, please contact: ccpcmusic@verizon.net

Friendly Reminder!

PW Retreat

**Signups Still Open
March 27-29!**



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Sign up soon for this year's Women's Retreat at Rhodes Grove. Any woman of CCPC (and friend or family member) is welcome, and we hope you'll want to join us!

Registration forms are in the Atrium.

Drop your completed form and check in the PW box in the office. The early bird special is over, but even "full-price" rates are a deal for two nights and four- or five-meals!

Payment in full is due by March 15

This still leaves you time!

Also, scholarships are available! Please contact
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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.