

Session Highlights

The Session has been meeting regularly (and remotely) since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. While all churches are dealing with the realities of worshiping and maintaining fellowship without being able to physically come together, CCPC's congregation also has the additional uncertainty of a pastor recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor

We are all thankful that James is home and is recovering under Andrea's care. However, that recovery will take some time. The Session met on Friday night and took the following actions to ensure continuity of services to all the members of CCPC:

- † Justin Devine, who has stepped up and filled the gaps in the past two-months, will now serve as Head of Staff. In this capacity, he will continue with the day-to-day running of the church (albeit remotely) and he will plan and coordinate worship services.
- † CCPC is very fortunate to have five (5!) retired pastors in our congregation, and they have all agreed to pitch in to assist where needed. Justin will work with them to take care of church needs until we find an Interim Pastor. It is anticipated that the process will take a few months.
- † An Interim Pastor Committee is already working on the process to find an Interim Pastor, and National Capital Presbytery is providing assistance from the Committee on Ministry during our transition.

Should you or anyone you know need assistance during this time, please call or email Justin at ccpcdirced@verizon.net or 707-344-3325.

Upcoming Events!

I know we took a little break from some of our weekly content last week, but I wanted to update you on some of the happenings for this coming week!

In addition to Sunday Worship and Chuck's Lectionary Readings, the following events will also be taking place:

- ♦ Monday 5:00pm is Youth zoom time (invite via youth email list)
- ♦ Tuesday 7:00pm Straight From the Source bible study (live on both public and private Facebook pages)
- ♦ Wednesday 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting (via zoom)
- ♦ Thursday 7:00pm All Church Check-in (via zoom--info posted on our private page.) Alternating weeks with Thursday Prayer time that's live on our private Facebook page.
- ♦ Sunday 11:00am Children's Church (via zoom---invite will come from the children's email list)

Call 707-344-3325 or email ccpcdirced@verizon.net to Justin with any questions!

Finance News

We would like to thank everyone for their continued generosity during this pandemic. Many of you have been able to keep up your giving during this time. We would like to remind you that the finance team will continue to be processing cash, checks and online donations. You can continue to mail in your checks or if you find it more convenient you can sign up for our online giving by clicking the Donate button on our website ccpc.bowiemd.org. We again thank you for your financial support during these uncertain times.

As the church moves forward to a post-covid19 environment, we need to reassess the Sunday counter mission. With this new environment, the Finance Team would like to provide everyone the opportunity to change their mission commitment as desired.

The counters tabulate and process the collection plate donations and receipts from the prior week to deliver the weekly bank deposit for the church to the bank on Sunday. Two volunteers are needed each Sunday for this mission. The night deposit drop for the Sunday Deposit is at the WesBanco bank branch office in South Bowie. We would like to have 5 counting teams with two persons per team. Teams of two provide for a double count to assure accuracy. Each team will have counting duty for just one Sunday each month. One team will fill in when there is a month that has a fifth Sunday and serve as substitutes when needed. We also need a volunteer to pick-up the deposit slip and bag from the South Bowie branch bank on the following business day.

If you are currently a counter and wish to continue or change your duties please let me know. If this is a new mission you find worth exploring also let me know. We will sort out dates and duties once we have identified volunteers and know when the church will resume a more normal schedule.

For any contribution questions, contact Bill Radden-Lesage at 301-996-5871 or email to mdcoalminer@gmail.com.

Not Getting Email Blasts?

The Caller and other email blasts are sent through a third-party vendor. If you are not receiving them or have stopped receiving them for some reason, you may try the following:

- ♦ Check your spam/junk mail folder and if there, mark them as Not spam/junk.
- ♦ Reenter your email address by going to the CCPC website at <http://ccpc.bowiemd.org/>. On the home page, scroll to the bottom and you will see the Newsletter Sign Up. Enter your information, check the appropriate boxes, and hit Sign Up.

If neither of the above works, then you will need to call your Internet Service Provider (ISP), as CCPC has no control over people receiving and/or not receiving the newsletter or other email blasts because it is managed through a third-party vendor.

Thank you.

CCPC Fall 2020 Concert Series

Sundays at 4:00 pm

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

The following schedule is tentative. We will know more once the stay-at-home order is lifted

Sunday, September 13: *Rosa Parks: A Time*

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

Sunday, October 4: *Nolan King, pianist*

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

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*

This virtuoso ensemble performs on six octaves of handbells and hand chimes in a program featuring seasonal music and includes a light show and audience participation.

For further information, please email: ccpcmusic@verizon.net

Dear Bowie Residents:

The 2020 Census is underway! Over 70 million households have responded to date, representing over 48% of all households in America. Here in Bowie, approximately 60% of households have completed their forms, but we know we can do better! Every response means more funding for our community. Did you know each person counted equates to approximately \$18,500 in funding over ten years?

As the nation battles the spread of COVID-19, population data is being used to help identify where there are concentrations of seniors and to calculate how widespread the disease is in our communities. If, and when, a vaccine becomes available, it is likely that it will be allocated at least in part, by population. The Census Bureau's ongoing surveys of businesses will also assist in measuring the economic impact of COVID-19 and other emergencies and will help in the country's eventual recovery. We want to make sure that everyone in Bowie gets counted and that Bowie residents receive the resources and services they need, now and in the future.

Thanks to those who have already completed their census form. If you haven't done so yet, please take 10 minutes and fill out your census form today and encourage friends and neighbors to do the same. Responding is simple, secure, and required by law, whether or not you are a citizen.

Prince George's County was one of the most undercounted areas in 2010, resulting in millions of dollars in lost funding. Please do your part to make sure that does not happen again. Respond at www.2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020 (Spanish language #: 844-468-2020).

In closing, we hope you are healthy and managing the challenges of daily life in the time of pandemic. Your city government continues to operate, with some modifications for social distancing. Please call 301-262-6200 if you have questions.

Sincerely,
City of Bowie, Alfred D. Lott, City Manager

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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.

