

As the month of July begins, Session and the Board of Deacons are delighted to welcome new members. We are introducing them to you by printing a short biography of each one. These new officers are ready to get to work and many of them have already contributed to the work of the church in numerous other ways. They bring varied gifts and skills for evangelism, ministry and mission and are eager to support CCPC. Please welcome them with an email. These officers will be ordained and installed in a worship service in the near future.

We also thank the retiring church officers for their hard work and valuable ministry. They include elders Steve Donoian, Judy Frank, Bridget Peters, Ellen Wimbish, and Jennifer Woods. Retiring deacons include Pat Ashby, Jan Butler, Rachel Oben, and Karin Rice. They have struggled with ingenuity and persistence to keep CCPC on the move during this time of pandemic.



Carrie Ahearn. I have been attending CCPC since I was a teenager with my parents Ron and Janet Tillotson. I married my high school sweetheart Peter and we have two grown children. My daughter Christie graduated from college last year and my son Matthew is in the Marine Corps.

I have served on Session several times and taught Sunday school for many years. I worked closely with the Youth Group, Children's Ministry and various other church programs over the years. The people in our congregation have always made CCPC a very special place to my family and I look forward to this new opportunity and getting to know the families in my cluster!

Gladys Tataw-Ayuketah. It is quite an honor to be selected once more to serve as a Deacon. A few years ago, I served CCPC as an Elder with a focus as a co-Youth representative.

I was born in Cameroon, Central Africa into a traditional Presbyterian family and have remained Presbyterian. Over the years, I have been afforded opportunities to learn and serve as a Young Presbyterian, Christian Youth Fellowship and support other ministries

My father was a Presbyterian teacher/Educator for over 50 years and was charged to open several Presbyterian schools in West Cameroon. I moved to the United States so many years ago, and have been a member of CCPC for over 14 years.

Together with my spouse (Adolf Schwartz) and two kids (Alexis and Abigail), we have enjoyed being a part of CCPC.

The Children's Ministry has been my favorite initiative at CCPC. As an Ambassador for Christ, I believe those formative years are critical to be guided by God's Word. It has been a blessing to have my kids participate in the Children's and now Youth Ministries

My interests are Bible studies, prayer groups and singing to the Glory of the Lord.

I pray that God will speak through me, guide and use me as I serve His people.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve CCPC.

Erica Burrell. Hello my name is Erica. I'm a single mom of 4 children: Makayla, Sean, Miya and Hiliana. They are the light of my life. I've been living in Bowie for the last 7 years. We love coming to church every Sunday. Being able to serve is such a blessing not only to feed my soul but to feed my faith and my walk with God.

I grew up Pentecostal but over the years growing into my adult life I grew to love the nondenominational church. Moving to Maryland my kids loved our family church here at CCPC. We became members and I had my children baptized. We love CCPC.

I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to serve and bless others as a Deacon. Thank you so much to those who nominated me. I look forward to getting to know so many of you better!

Olivia MacMillan was born and raised in Jamaica, Queens, NY in a household of love with her mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a surrogate aunt and surrogate grandmother to guide her. She moved to Maryland as a teenager. She has worked in disability care, public service, and now as a manager, web builder, and everything else at a small alternative medicine shop. Olivia was christened and confirmed at Chapel of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Flushing, NY and renewed her baptism with James Brassard and Session at CCPC in January of 2019 when she and her husband Dan joined the church. Olivia loves to sing and is an avid bibliophile and loves to make people smile as often as she can. She and Dan and Olivia's mother, Martha McNish, live together in Bowie along with three outrageous cats and a Shih Tzu/Maltese mix named Lord Tennyson.

Susan Howard Mather, MD, MPH. I was born in Salisbury, Maryland, the child of two teachers. I have one younger brother, a retired Army Brigadier General. From the age of 6, I spent my summers in a 21 foot house trailer getting my father's Master's Degree then touring the country until I was old enough for a summer job. I was confirmed at Bethesda Methodist Church, in Salisbury at aged 12, and was active in Sunday School, the junior choirs and MYF. I was educated in the Wicomico County, Maryland, Public Schools and graduated from high school in 1958. From there I went on to University of Maryland, College Park, and the University of Maryland School of Medicine, graduating with an MD degree in 1965. I completed my Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine and Fellowship in Pulmonary Diseases at the University of Maryland Hospital. While I was a medical student, I did a student externship at the Middlesex Hospital in London where I met John Mather, whom I married in 1967. We spent a year in England while I worked at the London Chest Hospital and he completed his medical school education. We then settled in Baltimore to complete our post graduate studies. Afterwards, I worked as a Student Health Officer and Instructor in Ambulatory Medicine at University of Maryland School of Medicine. We were members of Faith Presbyterian Church in Baltimore.

We moved to Bowie in 1973 with our two children, Stephen (now a Deacon) and Alexandra (an ordained Elder at CCPC now living in Rehoboth Beach DE). John had been drafted in the US Army and was stationed at Walter Reed AMC. We joined CCPC that summer. John was elected an Elder and I taught Sunday School (Grades 5-6 for four years), Confirmation Class and a number of Adult Education classes. I served as a Ruling Elder from 1980-83 and as Deacon from 2007-10 and was a Congregational member of the Personnel Committee twice.

After moving to Bowie, I worked as Director of Adult Health and Epidemiology in the Prince George's County Health Dept from 1975-79, getting my MPH from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in 1978 and my Boards in Preventive Medicine in 1979. In 1979, I went to work for the Department of Veterans Affairs Headquarters in Washington DC, where I stayed until I retired in 2006 as Chief Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, dealing with AIDS, Agent Orange, Gulf War Illnesses, Women Veterans Issues, and Legionnaires Disease, among other "hot button" issues.

Since I retired my primary focus has been on my only grandchild, born in 2011. Fortunately, my life did not change as precipitously as I feared when my husband of 40 years left for greener pastures in 2007. We were divorced in 2010. He remarried and lives in Franklin TN. I served on the Armed Forces Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military from 2007-2009, which kept me busy. Now I enjoy my Circle, Book Club, child-care of my granddaughter, painting, family and the

beach. Joe Hancock and I have been each other's significant other for 7 years. He lives with his daughter in Pasadena MD. Life is good.

Kevin M. Maxwell, Ph.D. A visionary educator, collaborative leader and acclaimed administrator, Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell is Chief Executive Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), a role that brought his career full circle.

Raised in Prince George's County, Dr. Maxwell was appointed by County Executive Rushern L. Baker III in 2013. He was the county's first superintendent in more than 25 years to receive a second term.

Dr. Maxwell is a leading authority on arts integration, language immersion and environmental literacy. Under his leadership, PGCPS significantly increased student enrollment, expanded access to full-day prekindergarten, and enhanced dual enrollment programs and specialty offerings. Throughout his career, he focused on raising student achievement, increasing academic rigor and engaging school communities.

Dr. Maxwell began his career 40 years ago as a county high school teacher. He previously led Anne Arundel County Public Schools for seven years. During his tenure, he was named Maryland Superintendent of the Year and a finalist for National Superintendent of the Year. Prior to joining Anne Arundel County, he was an administrator for Montgomery County Public Schools.

His leadership roles include serving on the state's Joint 21st Century Public Schools Facilities Commission and on the executive board of the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland. Dr. Maxwell is a co-founder of the national Superintendents Environmental Education Collaborative. A frequent panelist, he has delivered presentations at convening's held by AASA, the Wallace Foundation and the National Art Education Association. He also served on the Maryland Fine Arts Education Advisory Panel and UMBC Advisory Committee for Education.

His honors and recognitions include Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance Advocate of the Year, Chesapeake Bay Foundation Educator of the Year, PGCPS Visual Arts Teachers Art Leadership Award, Howard University Outstanding Commitment and Service to Community Award, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) Alumnus of the Year in Humanities, the Ethics Project's Ambassador Andrew Young Award, and Prince George's Community College Foundation Partners for Success Award.

Dr. Maxwell was bestowed the honor of Knight, Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, for supporting the teaching of the Italian language and culture, and working with the Italian government on arts integration and student-centered learning.

Dr. Maxwell holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Language, Literacy and Culture from UMBC. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maryland at College Park. He was awarded an honorary degree from Prince George's Community College.

Dr. Maxwell's children – three daughters and one son – are all graduates of Maryland public schools. He and his wife Nancy live in Bowie. He has been a member of CCPC for over forty years. He has previously taught Sunday School, served as Sunday School Superintendent, and served as a Ruling Elder at CCPC.

Betsy McArdle joined CCPC in May of 2010. She will be serving another year for the deacons.

Jane Mellow grew up in West Virginia. She has been a member of CCPC since 2008. Jane has worked on Capitol Hill and in the Obama Administration in a variety of policy and communications leadership roles. She currently works for the National School Boards Association doing public policy and advocacy work. She previously served as a deacon in her church in West Virginia and this is her second term on CCPC's session. Jane is the mother of 18-year-old twins, Wesley and Caitlin Shoemaker. She lives in Bowie with her husband, twins, and their two cats.

William Radden-Lesage. Hello; my name is Bill Radden-Lesage and I have accepted a nomination to be a deacon. This will be my second term as a deacon. I have also served one term as an elder with building and grounds duties. This spring I assumed the duties of the CCPC Financial Secretary. At the end of January 2020 I retired from full time employment at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), an agency within the Department of the Interior, after 27 years of service.

I am a native of Colorado (I grew up in the Denver suburbs) and have a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. I decided to be a deacon again now that I am retired and have more time available to dedicate to the service of CCPC.

My wife (Cyd) and I have been members of CCPC since moving to Bowie in 1995 and have raised two children at CCPC. I am also a member of the every other Saturday morning men's book club and a member of the buildings and grounds committee.

Deborah Ardan Sell, or Debbie Sell, mother to Heather and Caitlyn and wife to Paul, was born in Washington, DC in 1951. She has lived in Prince George's County for most of her life. The Sell family moved to Bowie from Fort Washington in 2000 where they became members of the CCPC family. Prior to life in Bowie, they were active in the life of Unity Presbyterian in Temple Hills, Maryland. Debbie was a product of the public school system, having graduated from Crossland High School in 1969. From there she went on to get a BA from Wake Forest University and a Master's in Library Science from the University of Maryland at College Park. While officially a Terp, her heart belongs to the Demon Deacons.

She went on to serve as a senior reference librarian at the Joint Military Intelligence College. She retired from there in 2006 after a service of 32 years in the federal government. She and Paul chose to affiliate with CCPC because of its heart for service. Both she and Paul remain active in the life of the church, especially the Mission Council, and hope to remain active until they move to their retirement home in South Carolina.

Evonne Tang grew up in Hong Kong, where she attended Catholic School from Kindergarten to the 9th grade. She moved to Canada as a teenager and completed her high school and college education there. In 2002, she moved to the United States for a job opportunity; and she became a member of a Presbyterian Church in 2003. When she moved to Bowie, she visited CCPC occasionally. She was struck by the warm reception and openness of CCPC members. She joined CCPC in 2008 and served as a Deacon in 2011-2013. Trained as a biological scientist, she hopes to contribute her analytic skills to her role as an Elder of the church. Evonne has many hobbies, most of which she is not skilled at, with the exception of baking! She enjoys running, hiking, bowling, biking, and golfing.

Directory Updates

Andrea & James Brassard

The Brassard's no longer have a home phone.

You can reach Andrea at 301-892-2426 or andreabelanusbrassard@gmail.com

James is open to receiving phone calls from his usual callers. Please discontinue sending emails to James at ccpcpastor@verizon.net and instead send to jamesbrassard1956@gmail.com

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Join us for an All Church

VBS

This year, we will be doing something different for VBS.



Everyone is welcome to join in the fun,
young and old, alike.

This will be done via
Zoom Meeting

ID: 881 5978 7563

Password:2272

We will meet two days of 45 minutes each,
consisting of a brief lesson, craft, science ex-
periment and music on

July 28th and 30th.

We will let you know what supplies
you will need beforehand.

Sign in at 6pm, we will
officially start at 6:15pm.

James Retirement Gift Committee

Greetings all, great progress is being made in gathering pictures for a memory book for James. Last chance to forward your favorite photos of memorable church events to Julia Leaman by email JuliaL11@verizon.net. Please email pictures by July 10. You can also still donate to the purchase of gift items.

We have set up a category for giving on the CCPC online giving donation website (ccpc.bowiemd.org). If you would prefer, you can mail a check to CCPC and indicate "Retirement Gift – Rev. Brassard" on the memo line of the check. We do not have a date yet for the "drive by" of the Brassard residence to deliver our gift surprises, but the plan is to do this sometime this summer! Please check your email and the private CCPC Facebook pages for updates.

Race & Diversity Task Force

CCPC's new Race & Diversity Task Force is meeting via zoom on the first & third Saturday mornings.

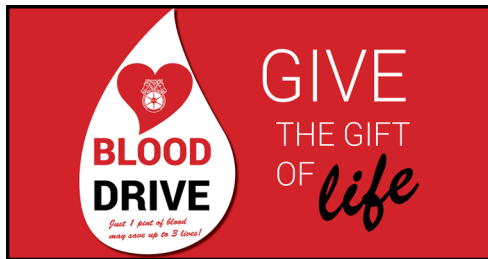
**Next meeting is
July 4th at 10:00 am**

The zoom link will be posted on our private Facebook page.

If you are not on Facebook but would like to participate, contact Ann Fleming (ann@annspeacefulpractices.com) or Jane Mellow (janemellow@gmail.com).



AAMC Blood Donor Center *CCPC Blood Drive*



To donate blood, you must be:

- ◆ Between 17 and 74 years old; 16 with parental consent
- ◆ In good health
- ◆ At least 110 lbs

You can give blood while taking most medications

**JULY 10, 2020
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

3120 Belair Drive Bowie, MD. 20715

To participate in this blood drive, please sign up by following the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084caba92ea5fb6-christian>

We encourage you to start eating iron-rich foods one week prior to donation.

Can't give blood? Give cookies!

Contact Ann Fleming to join our baking brigade 301-233-1694.

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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.

