

Dear Friends,

I write to you from the front porch of Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. I am here for the "Art of Transitional Ministry" conference. I have been energized and inspired by the leaders and other participants. It is so good to be with other pastors who are committed to and engaged in transitional ministry.

I know that some of you have visited Montreat, and I hope that many more of you are able to do so. It is such a special place. The grounds of Montreat feature Lake Susan, walking and hiking trails, beautiful mountains, and trickling creeks. If you hike to the top of Lookout Mountain, you can see the home of Rev. Billy Graham!

Montreat was first imagined in 1897 by Rev. John C. Collins. He was a minister from Connecticut who joined together with other clergy and lay leaders to purchase 4,500 acres of land in the mountains of western North Carolina. That is how it all began. For all these years, Montreat has been a place set apart for those "who journey here seeking a closer relationship with their Creator."

The Creator has worked in some amazing ways throughout Montreat's history. During World War II, Montreat housed 264 Japanese and German diplomats, businessmen and their families for repatriation in exchange for allied missionaries, diplomats and families held by Axis countries. In 1945, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited Montreat to address the Southern Mountain Workers organization. Montreat played an important role in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addressed the Christian Action Conference at Montreat in 1965.

Montreat continues to play a vital role in God's world today, offering retreats and conferences on worship, music, arts and crafts, social justice, spiritual formation, and so much more. I have enjoyed a time of learning and inspiration in this special place. I hope that many of you are able to do the same.

Peace,
Pastor Susan



In Memory of Rose Marie Rice



Rose Marie Rice, a resident of Odenton, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at the age of 83. Born on February 19, 1938 in Christiansburg VA, she was the daughter of the late William T. Lawrence and Virginia Roop.

Rose Marie was raised in Portsmouth, Virginia, and graduated from Longwood University in Farmville in 1960. She was a dedicated homemaker and teacher, treasuring family life and close friendships. Active in church circles, she also admired nature, and worked in support of causes for justice and peace in the world.

Rose Marie is preceded in death by her husband Robert James Rice. She is survived by her two loving sons, James Kevin Rice and wife, Karin of Severna Park MD and James Lawrence Rice and wife, Carrie of Richmond VA; six cherished grandchildren, Ella, Bobby, Caroline, Emily, Margaret, and Lucy; and her faithful granddog Toby.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to
Christian Community Presbyterian Church,
3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

A Memorial Service will be held there at a future date.

Celebrating the Life of Doris Kobe



March 21, 1926 – August 9, 2021

Doris Kobe was a long-time member of CCPC. She joined the church in June of 1970. She was a very active member who touched so many lives in such a warm and positive way. Doris will be missed deeply and by many.

Please join us for a celebration of her life on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 11:00am in the CCPC Sanctuary. A memorial luncheon will follow the service and be held in Dodds Hall.

The service will also be livestreamed on Zoom. Zoom details will be sent at a later date.

Please keep Doris Kobe's family and friends in your prayers.

Living Waters for the World

Status Report

There is probably no sphere of our lives which has not been affected by the Corona virus pandemic. And the CCPC Living Waters for the World (LWW) program is an example. CCPC has a rich history of sending LWW teams to Honduras to help build water purification systems and to teach our Honduran partners how to operate them to provide clean water to their communities. CCPC has provided nine Honduran communities with one of these systems, helping build one each year except one over a span of 10 years. But the pandemic put a sudden halt to this activity, both in Honduras and in most all of the 25 countries in which LWW systems have been built. And the reason is simple: It is very difficult for the people in Honduras and other Latin American countries to obtain vaccinations. The 15 to 20 percent of the population who are vaccinated are primarily health care workers in urban areas, and the rural areas, where LWW systems are needed, have almost no persons vaccinated. So although a United States team like ours might be fully vaccinated, making a trip to a small village to help install a system would bring an unvaccinated community together, which could easily turn into a super-spreader event. This would be bad anywhere, but the scarcity of medical care in Honduras would make this a disaster for the community. For that reason, our Honduran partners have requested that we not come this year for any purposes. The advice for next year will be determined as we approach the new year.

So although the need is still great, especially in places like Haiti, LWW teams are not traveling, and CCPC will have missed at least two installation opportunities. And as the personal situations of our CCPC LWW team members are changing, we find that although we cannot go now to Honduras to provide a clean water system, we need to renew our team so that when the occasion arises, we can once again resume our commitment to providing clean water to our Honduran brothers and sisters.

A LWW team must have properly trained people on it. The training is provided at "Clean Water U", held at a Presbyterian church camp near Oxford, Mississippi, with three "tracks" of training: the 101 track is for leadership training, the 102 track is for education training, and the 103 track is for training in how to assemble the purification system. These courses are routinely offered each Spring and each Fall, but since the beginning of the pandemic, they have been only offered virtually. However, the course will be held in person during October 5-9 2021, and April 26-30 2022.

CCPC has been blessed with team members who have made several trips to Honduras. As you might expect, CCPC and the LWW team benefit greatly when team members commit to several years of service to this ministry. Persons who are newly retired are ideal candidates for these jobs, and if you feel called toward this ministry, please contact me (a-c-tanner@verizon.net, or 301-464-2667) for further information. There is still time to register for the October session, but that window will close in about a week.

Gracias, y Dios te bendiga.

Chuck Tanner

Mission Calendar

2021

With our budget limitations, CCPC is unable to give financial donations to all of the worthy organizations that we have in the past. As a result, we will have a drive for as many as possible. We will have one focus each month and ask for membership donations of these items. This will be our way of continuing our support of local and international organizations.

September – Champ House

Champ House needs men's socks (new or gently used). We will have containers in the atrium for dropping off donations throughout the month. Champ House is a transition house for men recovering from addiction. Please help if you are able.

October – Chrysalis House

Chrysalis House is a transition house for women recovering from addiction. They are in need of new or gently used bath towels, and sheets and comforters for twin beds. Please help if you are able. Drop off tubs will be in the atrium.

Nov/Dec – Alternative Christmas Gift Market (Virtual), Angel Tree, Toys for Tots

This year, we will have another virtual Alternative Christmas Gift Market with all your favorite organizations.

Directions will be posted on the website under events and included in the Caller.

For Christmas Families, we will have Angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree and collection of toys for Toys for Tots, and giving to the Food Pantry. Directions will be in the Caller and on the website under events.

Thank You!

Many thanks to all who made calls, sent cards and flowers and were so supportive in prayer for me when I was in the hospital, both in May and in July. Thankfully, I am doing well now and hope to continue on the upward trend. Thanks so much!!

Priscilla Bouic, 301-262-4906

AND...

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies to the Bowie Interfaith Pantry for the August Mission Project. They were very appreciative of the donations.

Thank you for your support.

The Mission Committee

Knitters & Crocheters

To the CCPC Knitters and Crocheters,

I have inherited a big box of acrylic yarn from a neighbor who passed in June. Feel free to come by the yarn closet, opposite the ladies room, and take your pick.

Knits with Sticks will be meeting on Wednesday, September 15 at 1:00pm in Dodds Hall, and will then meet every second Wednesday from October on at 1:00pm in Dodds Hall. All are welcome including learners. We even have a supply of free knitting needles.

Priscilla Bouic, 301-262-4905

Adult Education!

Adult Education classes kick off for Fall after Labor Day,
come join us after Sunday service!

In-person at Church or virtually via
Zoom (Meeting ID: 830 3598 0751)

Welcome to Our Holy Home

September 12, 2021

Learning to Speak Presbyterian with Susan Graceson

September 19, 2021

Hearing the Call with CCPC Pastors

September 26, 2021

The Holy Land with Mary Brock

Flower Ministry



Please join our Flower Committee. We are in need of a few more volunteers who can design an arrangement for the altar on Sundays. These arrangements are donations from someone in our congregation in memory or in celebration of a loved one. After the service these bouquets are brought to someone in the congregation to brighten their day.

Please consider offering your talents in designing a bouquet once in a while. Let us know if you can help us.

Judyann Glazener, Flower Committee Chairperson
240-351-4121

Children's Sunday School

You're invited to celebrate Children's Sunday School (K-5) with us!

WHEN: Weekly, starting on September 5 at 11:30am

WHERE: Zoom Meeting ID: 882 7221 8802

CCPC's Annual!

TRUNK OR TREAT

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

Sunday, October 24, 2021
2:00pm

Come in costume and meet in the parking lot behind the church.
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!



Virtual Concerts!

All concerts are held via Facebook at 4:00pm

For details, please visit our [website](#).

October 3—Bayfield Brass Quintet



Join us on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 4:00pm on Zoom to enjoy the Bayfield Brass Quintet. The program will include music of the Italian Renaissance and Baroque as well as Armed Forces selections, patriotic music, and popular marches.

November 7—The Capital Ringers

The ensemble, performing on six octaves of handbells and hand chimes, returns with the inspirational program, *Rise Up!* and its message of hope and resilience.

December 5—A Celtic Christmas

Pipers Randy Welch and Michael Binnie with percussionist Robert Murray and Celtic harper Mary Fitzgerald return with a program of seasonal music from the British Isles.

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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.

