



The Caller

February 1, 2014

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 2 immediately following the 10 AM worship service. The Souper Bowl of Caring offering will be collected as you enter the service.

The meeting will last about 45 minutes and will include the "Year in Review" slide show detailing able events in 2013.

Bill Gates is well known as the world's richest man and the person whose company, Microsoft, revolutionized the operation of the personal computer. At age 42, Gates gave up his CEO position to devote himself to philanthropy. In advance to this career change, he talked with the leading expert on infectious diseases in the developing world. After picking the expert's mind, Gates asked him for a comprehensive reading list. Two months later the two met again and the expert was amazed to hear that Gates had not only read the entire 55 books on the list, he already was developing ideas that would forever change the focus of developmental aid.

Last Tuesday, the Gates Foundation released its annual letter commenting on its work. The letter took aim at the "three myths" that block progress for the poor. First is the myth that aid isn't effective (to which Gates says that aid eradicated small pox, polio, and turned the corner against AIDS). The second myth is that aid is wasted (only 2% is lost to corruption). The third myth is that assistance just leads to overpopulation (the reality is that healthier and more prosperous women have healthier and fewer children).

In an interview with Charlie Rose, Gates says that today aid is more focused on achieving humanitarian goals. Thanks to efforts to improve access to clean and safe drinking water and to provide vaccinations against devastating diseases (polio, small pox, and measles),

childhood deaths are down dramatically. What has slowed progress in Africa is that diseases like malaria continue to lock the poor in the poverty trap. Yet, Gates is hopeful that with technological advances and expanded aid to Africa, in 20 years malaria will affect only a small part of the population. With improved health comes the possibility of economic and social progress.

Development experts will tell you that extreme poverty is devastating to children. This is especially true to children under the age of five. Sick kids don't go to school. Their older siblings have to stay home to care for their sick siblings. Malnourished children cannot learn. The poorest children have the greatest risk for mental illness. It becomes a vicious cycle.

One of the most gratifying things I got out of participating in our trip to Honduras to install a sustainable clean water system is to see firsthand the progress healthy families can make. Using a proven methodology that emphasizes "training the trainers" and educating the community promotes self sufficiency. Communities are transformed. Three million children die each year from preventable water related diseases. Clean water is medicine. Up close you discover that children are not just statistics. They are precious children of God whom God dearly loves and whose lives God deeply cherishes. As Jesus says in the Beatitudes, "Blessings on those who are hungering and thirsting, because they will be satisfied."

Joyfully serving Christ together,

James Brassard



Worship Notes

February 2: Annual meeting Sunday with the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering to be collected before the 10 AM service. We will examine Jesus' inaugural address to his disciples where he lays out his blueprint for being his followers. The Text is the famous nine blessings of the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:1-12.

February 9: After announcing the nine blessings, Jesus charges his followers the four "You Ares." What does it mean to be the "Salt and Light" to the world? Matthew 5:13-16



February Sunday Calendar

Sunday, February 2, 2014

Souper Bowl Sunday
8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship with Communion -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll
through 5th Grade
11:15 AM Annual Congregational Mtg -- Sanctuary
1:30 PM Prayer/Study Group -- Parlor
6:30 PM Junior High Youth Group -- Jr. High Room
7:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, February 9, 2014

8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade
11:15 AM Youth Orchestra Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
11:15 AM New Comers Reception -- Pastor's Office
6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor
6:30 PM Junior High Youth Group -- Jr. High Room
7:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale Board Meeting -- Adult Ed
Conf Rm
7:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, February 16, 2014

8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll
through 5th Grade
10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
11:15 AM Confirmation Class -- Pastor's Office
1:30 PM Prayer/Study -- Parlor
5:00 PM Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner --
Dodds Hall
6:30 PM Junior High Youth Group -- Jr. High Room
7:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, February 23, 2014

8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship with Scout Sunday -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade
10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
11:15 AM Youth Orchestra Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
11:15 AM Exploring Membership Class -- Pastor's Office
3:30 PM Children's Ministry Circus Event -- Dodds Hall
6:30 PM Junior High Youth Group -- Jr. High Room
7:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group -- Sr. High Room



Come join the circus!

On Sunday, February 23 at 3:30 PM, CCPC will welcome Center Ring Circus School — a children's circus troupe of local kids from Greenbelt.

All ages are welcome to attend the performance in Dodds Hall.

The Center Ring kids will then guide our Sunday School children in learning a variety of skills for performing under the Big Top!

Balloon animals and tasty treats will be our grand finale.

There will be many activities for our littlest members.

So, come join us, one and all!

Tiger Lilies

**Tiger Lilies will not be meeting on
Monday, February 3.**

Our next meeting will be on President's Day
evening February 17 at the usual time of
7:30 PM in the Parlor.

We have decided that we need a break from
Far From the Tree. So, I've asked Dick Neff to
lead us in a discussion of his book, *Simon of
Cyrene*. Copies of the book's discussion
guide will be provided.

If you need a copy of Dick's book, please
send him an email at dtneff@verizon.net or
give him a call at 301-262-3318.

The price is \$12.

**We would like to invite anyone interested
to join in the discussion.**

Happy reading!

Andrea Brassard

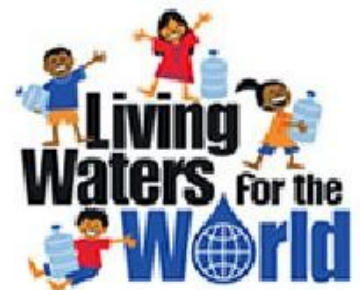
Living Waters of the World

**Help support
*Living Waters of the World!***

The *Living Water for the World* team
returned from Honduras this past week.
They brought back 75 one pound bags of
coffee (both bean and ground) and large
bottles of real vanilla extract.

Laurel Cox will be selling the items at
church on Sunday. The coffee is \$15
(\$10 is tax deductible donation) a bag
and the vanilla is \$5.

The proceeds
will be used to
provide tools for
our Honduras
based Techni-
cian, Olvin.





News Update

Warm Nights Update

A very big "Thank You" to everyone who volunteered to prepare all the wonderful dinners and breakfasts, pack lunches each day and spend the evenings and some snowy cold days as our overnight and daytime hosts.

CCPC provided a warm shelter both at night and during some of the colder days for as many as 39 clients. Throughout the week, we had 5 families with 10 children ages 7 months to 12 years old and an 8-month pregnant mother who went in to labor early Friday morning.

The guests were extremely thankful for all the hot meals, warm clothing, shelter, and most of all, the sincere concern and friendship that was given by the Church.

Special thank you to Bob and Anne Shelby who came to the Church each day to inventory food and supplies and did daily grocery store runs to restock the kitchen.

Carnival of India

Our Carnival of India was a wonderful success — Thanks to YOU!

We raised \$404 for Jessica (Jonas) and Andrew Sillers' mission trip to an orphanage in India. The kids had a great time and the Sillers were delighted and thankful for the donations.

Thank you to all who participated and gave so generously!

A Note from Jessica and Andrew regarding their upcoming trip:

We are leaving this Friday for New Delhi and have been assigned a position in an orphanage in Faridabad, about 25 miles from Delhi.

We really appreciate the interest from the church and the donations of goods and money (almost \$1000) that was collected! Church members also donated two suitcases' worth of clothing, toiletries, toys, and crafts, and between the India fair and other gifts CCPC raised \$904 for us to help the orphanage. We will work with the orphanage directors to determine the best use of these gifts.

We are looking forward to our trip and would like to give an update to the church members when we return in July.

We are so grateful and were amazed by the generous gifts. CCPC is a very special church and we thank you so much for your support in our mission!

Jessica and Andrew

Directory Update

Please update your directory for Sharon McNamara's email address to:
smcnamara1942@gmail.com.



3rd ANNUAL

Richard Felix Lamrouex

MEMORIAL

B.I.R.C. BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Objective: To raise money for the Bowie Food Pantry

When: February 23, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Location: Crofton Bowling Centre, Crofton, MD

Cost: \$21.00 per bowler (3 games)

Food will be provided for at the Bowling Centre by
Chef Jeff Catering. (Drinks not included)

Door prizes will be awarded randomly to participants.

Please complete this form and give to your B.I.R.C. representative James Brassard or send to James Lamrouex (2804 Federal Lane, Bowie, MD 20715) to reserve your spot. Late entries may bring form to Crofton Bowling Centre on Sunday February 24th at 1:30 p.m. (Lanes will be assigned 1st come basis, maximum of 5 bowlers per lane.)

Congregation (if applicable): _____.

Bowler 1: _____.

Bowler 2: _____.

Bowler 3: _____.

Bowler 4: _____.

Bowler 5: _____.

Note: If you do not have a team of 5 bowlers, we will make every effort to combine bowlers.

Also, shoe rental will be provided free of charge to those needing bowling shoes.

Bowling shoes must be worn on the bowling lanes, no exceptions.

Canned foods, dry goods, and free will donations to the food pantry will be collected at the Bowling fundraiser.

Thank You in advance for your support and participation in this event. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Bowie Food Pantry.

For information or to reserve your lane, please call James Lamrouex at 443-250-5099 or email Lamrouex@ceiinc.com

Our 2014 Per Capita

Per capita are funds that allow us to connect and participate in the work of the wider church.

Each member is asked to pay \$36.
from National Capital Presbytery for 2014.
If you would like to make a contribution toward Per Capita this year, indicate it on your offering.

Giving Statements

The 2013 end of year giving statements are available for pickup.

Please help us save on mailing costs by picking up your envelopes.

Pick up on Sunday's in the Atrium or throughout the week in the church office.



The next Caller will be sent out on February 14th. All articles must be submitted by 9 AM on Tuesday, February 11th. Any questions, please call the office.

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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.*



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 Ann@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

