



The Caller

March 1, 2014

I placed a cartoon from the "The New Yorker" on my office door last month. The title is "Year-at-a-glance" and features a clock that divides the year into months. January goes from 12-4. February runs from 4-7. March runs from 7 to 8:30; April runs from 8:30 to 10. The final eight months run together in the last two hours. In other words, January through March seem to take forever to get through. By the time May arrives, the last eight months just seems to fly by until suddenly it's Christmas.

By late February, I find myself hard pressed to find good news. The Winter Olympics provided a few weeks respite from the gloom. Now the paper brings news about wars and rumors of more wars. Is Ukraine the next nation to descend into chaos? Congress is an embarrassment. I make it a practice of only watching TV news to get the latest hype from STORM CENTER.

When the temperature hit 60 degrees on Saturday, my daughter and I drove to Annapolis to walk around. The place was mobbed. The outdoor cafes were open, with no seats to be had. The ice cream shops had lines of 50 people deep. I haven't seen that many people smiling in months. It reminded me of downtown Portland, Oregon when the sun comes out in April. Everyone comes out to celebrate.

This morning brought some new snow but it was the kind that brings out the cameras. It covers the trees and the brown, matted down grass that looks like my hair when I get out of bed. When it melted, I noticed the daffodils are six inches out of the ground and a few crocuses have bloomed. I have always believed that you can endure discomfort or in-

convenience when you know that it won't last very long. It won't be long now.

I did find one good piece of news. Federal health authorities reported a 43 percent drop in the obesity rate among 2- to 5-year-old children over the past decade. This is the first broad decline in an epidemic that often leads to lifelong struggles with weight and higher risks for cancer, heart disease, and stroke. The trend came as a welcome surprise to researchers. New evidence has shown that obesity takes hold young: children who are overweight or obese at three to five years old are five times as likely to be overweight or obese as adults.

The reason for the good news is not surprising. Pre-schools are allowing more time for children to run around outside (more activity). Young children also are consuming fewer calories and there has been a dramatic decrease in the amount of sugary beverages children drink. The article below this discussed the USDA proposing a ban on junk food advertising in schools. Duh! Why are they allowed to advertise in the first place? Maybe there is hope for the next generation.

So, it's off to the gym to get my body ready for Tuesday night softball and Wednesday night golf league. The long hard slog is almost over and before you know it the advertisements for Christmas shopping on Thanksgiving Day will be everywhere.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard



Worship Notes

March 2nd: The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain with three disciples watching is seen as an affirmation of Jesus' place with Moses and Elijah the prophet. But, the story serves as an affirmation of the disciples. We will look at our callings in life and at how events affirm that we are doing the things in life that God wants us to do. Text is Matthew 17:1-9

March 9th: The first Sunday in Lent has Jesus being tempted in the desert by Satan. As elsewhere in the Bible, the serpent is clever and plays the role of one who entices us with the power of suggestion. We all know that the resistance to suggestion is hard work. Perhaps it's holy work. How do we successfully confront the power of suggestion? Texts are Genesis 2 (The Temptation in the Garden) and Mathew 4.



March Sunday Calendar

Sunday, March 2, 2014

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 Youth Orchestra Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
11:15 AM New Members Class -- Pastor's Office
1:30 PM Prayer/Study Group -- Parlor
6:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale Makeup Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, March 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 Members Reception -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room
7:00 PM Chorale Board Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Sunday, March 16, 2014

8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade
11:15 AM Lenten Luncheon: Living Waters in Honduras with Honduran Food -- Dodds Hall
1:30 PM Prayer/Study -- Parlor
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, March 23, 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 Youth Orchestra Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, March 30, 2014

8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary	11:15 AM Lenten Luncheon: Chili Cook Off -- Dodds Hall
10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary	11:15 AM Confirmation Class -- Pastor's Office
10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade	6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room
10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High	

Births

Welcome *Jack Andrew Murphy*, born on
February 22, 2014 at 9:50 AM.
He weighted in at 7 lb, 12 oz and 19.5" long.
Congratulations to his proud parents Becky and Tim
Murphy and to his proud big brother Josh!



Welcome *Oliver Wendell Sippel*, born on
February 24, 2014 at 10:23 AM.
Congratulations to his parents Jon and Karen Sippel
and to his proud first-time grandmother, Marty Sippel!

Ash Wednesday **Worship Services**

There will be two worship services for
Ash Wednesday.

The Imposition of Ashes will be
during both services.

Join us at 7 AM and 7 PM
in the Sanctuary.

Shrove Tuesday

Every year on Shrove Tuesday, we celebrate the
life of Sue Cobb, who fought a courageous battle
against ovarian cancer for more than seven years.

Sue was very active at CCPC. We honor her
memory with an annual scholarship to a young
woman from our congregation. Your support will
help fund this scholarship.

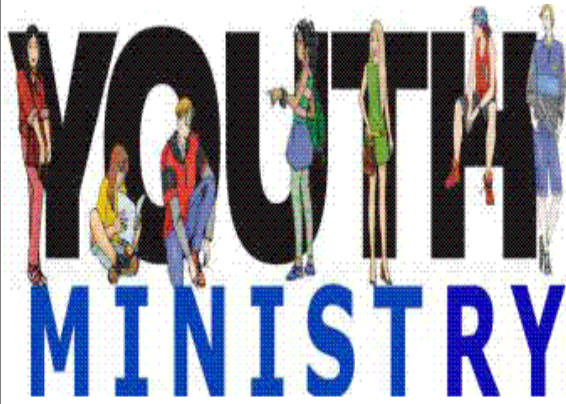
**The dinner will be on March 4, 2014
from 6 to 8 PM in Dodds Hall.**

All female Seniors receive an application for the
scholarship; it is reviewed by a committee consist-
ing of PWOC *Woman of the Year* recipients. The
scholarship will be awarded on Women's Sunday.
We hope you will join us for this special event.

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path."*

Looking for a different Lenten discipline this year?

Join us in the Sanctuary each morning (except Sundays) during Lent (March 6 through April 19) at
7:15 AM for the reading of the daily lectionary and a brief prayer.
We are usually finished by 7:30 AM.



Rhia Miller has left her position as CCPC Youth Coordinator. Rhia has a busy road ahead as she is planning a wedding and pursuing a full-time job in her field of environmental sciences. We sincerely appreciate Rhia's service to the youth during the past 13 months and wish her well on the journey ahead.

The youth program will go on, with Sunday Morning Connect (Sunday School) each Sunday during service and Youth Group gatherings on Sunday evenings (6:30—8:00 PM) and periodic events throughout the year. The Youth Council, led by Elders Debbie Armstrong and Kristen Zacheis are working with volunteers to maintain the youth program until a decision on future leadership is determined. Several activities are already in the works and we are confident in the future. Stay tuned!

If you have any questions regarding Youth Ministries, please contact Kristen Zacheis (845-729-8125, Kristen.zacheis@gmail.com) or Debbie Armstrong (301-502-4207, Debbie.Armstrong@dbr.com or taileepo@verizon.net).



Habitat *Blitz* Build

SAVE THE DATE!

Almost Heaven Habitat Blitz Build August 3-9, 2014!

We will be working to restore a building at
Camp Wood to be used as the volunteer facility.

Camp Wood, an old Civilian Conservation Corp Camp in the Monongahela National Forest near White Sulphur Springs, will be renovated into a new volunteer center for Greenbrier and Pocahontas County work camp volunteers thanks to a special use permit from the National Forest Service and help from Habitat friends at West Virginia University's (WVU) Design Department. About thirty interior design students recently boarded a bus for the five hour trip from Morgantown to tour Camp Wood and participate in a Green Building Charette to generate ideas for the renovation of Camp Wood. Habitat for Humanity of West Virginia is excited to be collaborating with WVU and the National Forest Service on this project!

The design of the new volunteer center will respect the historical roots of Camp Wood, while incorporating innovative ideas for group living.



The next Caller will be sent out on March 14. Please have all articles in by 9 AM on Tuesday, March 11. Questions = call the office.

Elijah's Bowl

CCPC has joined with Grace Lutheran, Sacred Heart, Bowie Church of Christ, St. Pius, and Village Baptist to create Elijah's Bowl. This project will feed the hungry and needy in the Bowie area the second Saturday of each month. Information about services available in the community such as food, clothing, housing, rent assistance, utility payment assistance, etc. will also be offered.

Grace Lutheran will host the luncheons each month and a different church will be responsible for providing the food. CCPC's date to provide food is April 12. Look for a sign-up in the atrium in March. We will need people to set up, food providers, servers, cleanup crews, and dishwashers. Cash donations are acceptable to help purchase food.

Thank you for your support!

Susan Brutout, Mission Council



FEED THE HUNGRY



CCPC Theater Bus Trip!

Moses

Come join us for a charter bus trip to Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre in Strasburg, PA to see this new Biblical production *Moses*! The cost is \$100 per person, which

includes transportation, cold drinks and snacks on the bus, reserved seats for the show, smorgasbord lunch, all taxes and tips including the driver. (Fewer than 52 people, the cost will be slightly higher.)

A deposit of \$40 a person is due when reservations are made and the \$60 balance is due no later than June 15.

All checks should be made payable to Marge Clark. Checks may be left in her mailbox in the church office or mailed to her home at:

1732 Tedbury Street, Crofton, MD 21114.

Contact Marge (410-451-0833 or mhclark@verizon.net) as soon as possible to make your reservations or if you have any questions.

Bowie Family Caregiver for Seniors Program

The Family Restoration and Healing Center is sponsoring a multi-topic program to help families navigate the journey of caregiving and help the aging remain in the community as long as feasible. Cost is free, but seating is limited, so RSVP now at www.360wholeness.org or 240-667-1849.

The program will be offered two more times in Bowie:

March 7, 2014 from 6 to 10 pm at
Calvary Baptist Church

May 2, 2014 from 6 to 10 pm at
PG's Community Federal Credit Union.



The Chesapeake Chorale presents

Bacharach to Broadway!

Join the Chorale as they celebrate the music of the King of Catchy Tunes, Burt Bacharach.

This American composer penned those singable songs you remember so well and still love, including:

Do You Know the Way to San Jose?

Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head

This Guy's in Love With You

and...

with music from his show

"Promises, Promises"

the Chorale goes "bach" to Broadway!

**Saturday, March 8, 2014
at 8 PM in Dodds Hall**

Tickets

\$15 for adults

\$12 for seniors and military

Free for students and children

Available at the door or call 410-721-5422 or
online at www.chesapeakechorale.org.

And, at the intermission be sure to enjoy
a sweet treat and take a chance on
a raffle basket.



BSA Troop 1009's *Spring Fundraiser 2014*

Buy your gardening supplies from Troop 1009

Deadline for orders is March 8. Your order will be delivered by the Scouts on Saturday April 5.

Just fill out the order form on the community news table in the Atrium, write the check for the total amount owed (payable to BSA Troop 1009), put the order form with check in an envelope and either label it "BSA Troop 1009 Spring Fundraiser" and give to Robin in the church office or place in her mailbox, or you may mail it to:

Boy Scouts of America Troop, 1009 C/O Johnson, 15725 Pointer Ridge Drive, Bowie, MD 20716-1708.

Questions, contact John Lyman, Scout Master at (301) 262-4730

If you cannot get to the church to pickup an order form use the one below and mail it to:

CCPC, ATTN: Robin, 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, Maryland 20715

Troop 1009 thanks you for your support!

BSA Troop 1009 Spring Fundraiser 2014 — Order Form

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:

PRODUCT	PRICE		QTY		TOTAL
Hardwood Mulch Shredded (3 cu. ft.)	\$5.50	X		=	\$
Pine Mulch Shredded (3 cu. ft.)	\$5.50	X		=	\$
Pine Bark Mini Nuggets (3 cu. ft.)	\$5.50	X		=	\$
Pine Bark LG Nuggets (3 cu. ft.)	\$5.50	X		=	\$
Red Dyed Mulch (3 cu. ft.)	\$6.50	X		=	\$
Black Dyed Mulch (3 cu. ft.)	\$6.50	X		=	\$
Natural Cedar Mulch (3 cu. ft.)	\$6.50	X		=	\$
Top Soil (40#)	\$3.00	X		=	\$
Leafgro – leaf compost (1.5 cu. ft.)	\$4.50	X		=	\$
Composted Manure (40#)	\$4.30	X		=	\$
Peat Moss (3.8 cu. ft.)	\$19.00	X		=	\$
Tall Fescue Grass Seed (10#)	\$30.00	X		=	\$
Seed Starter 10-18-10 (5,000 sq. ft.)	\$19.00	X		=	\$
Lawn Fertilizer (5,000 sq. ft.)	\$17.00	X		=	\$
Weed & Feed (5,000 sq. ft.)	\$19.00	X		=	\$
Crabgrass Preventer & Fertilizer (5,000 sq. ft.)	\$23.00	X		=	\$
Bonide Weed Beater Broadleaf (5,000 sq. ft.)	\$23.00	X		=	\$
Tax Deductible Donation (Optional)					\$
No Tax Required					\$0.00
TOTAL					\$

Optional Payment Methods by PayPal or credit card at: <http://www.bsatroop1009.org/fundraiser/>

Questions regarding order, please call John Lyman at 301-262-4730

Your order will be delivered by the Scouts on Saturday April 5.

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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.

