



The Caller

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Christian Community Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Last fall I started thinking about what the “next steps” in my life could be. I believe in the power of prayer and have seen God’s hand in my life. When I was thinking about retiring from Gallaudet, where I had worked for more than 25 years, I encountered a situation that gave me clear information that it was time to leave so I retired in July of 2007. The timing turned out to be a blessing in many ways because Bill and I had several years of fun before his health declined.

I wasn’t quite sure what to do with my time so was delighted to discover that there was a place at CCPC where I could use my gifts...and develop new skills. I have had the honor and privilege of serving as your Pastoral Assistant for Outreach and Care since January of 2008. I have loved being behind the scenes helping to make things go as smoothly as possible. I have been privileged to walk with several of you on your journeys. I have learned how to do all kinds of things that I never thought possible, like developing a directory which we can produce ourselves. I am eternally grateful that I was surrounded by your love and support when dealing with Bill’s passing and my granddaughter Penelope’s cancer. What a blessing this church has been to me!

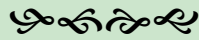
After prayerful consideration, I believe that the time has come for me to fully retire. My last day will be August 1, 2014. This timeline will give CCPC several months to prepare for the transition to a new staff member. The Personnel Committee will be looking at my job description, thinking about CCPC’s goals and needs, and revising as needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the exciting and rewarding work and ministry of CCPC.

With a heart full of gratitude,

Margaret Hallau





Worship Notes

May 25: Rev. Brassard will preach on "Passing through the Waters." We will celebrate the Baptism of the Onwuteaka twins, Queen and Christians, with their extended family and our church family. And, Ben Farney will make his profession of faith and be baptized.



Music Sunday and the Capital Campaign

We will glorify God with music, beginning at 9:30 prior to our worship service at 10 where additional musical selections will be featured. We will dedicate our Capital Campaign pledges during this service and then share fellowship over lunch in Dodds Hall after the service.

Please bring a side dish to share,
salads and picnic foods welcome!

In concert with our Capital Campaign project and our new effort of accepting endowments and memorials, we will soon be able to accept gifts of stock and other financial assets. The process and procedures are being finalized with Merrill Lynch. CCPC's treasurer, Bob West, is the point of contact for this initiative. Details will follow as soon as possible.

We Have to Talk!

Good morning. For those not super familiar with me, I am Mark Pfarrer and a long time member of this church. My family and I have been coming here for almost 30 years, and have been involved in a lot of the activities and events here. We have served as deacons and elder, in the singing and bell choirs, served communion, served on personnel, B&G and nominating committees, on the pastoral search committee, on church cleanup days, Christmas families, Warm Nights, liturgical dances, “skermons”, etc. My daughter got married here 10 years ago. To call all of you my extended family is probably an understatement.

I have seen a lot of changes here at CCPC: three pastors, a new organ, a new sign out front. And, number one of course: the new sanctuary. I clearly remember the first time in 1994 that we held Sunday service in this new facility — we began it over across in the old sanctuary (now Dodds Hall) and then we paraded across into this new sanctuary. The pastor told us this was our home, and we were the home’s family, and we all were invited to remove shoes and socks to take in the feel of the nice new carpeting! Yep, this church is part of my family.

Ever notice that, in your core family, every once in a while someone close to you announces that “we have to talk”? And how you think, oh gosh, and how that usually precedes the start of a new effort, like a new refrigerator or a new piece of big furniture, or even, the replacement of the family car? Who is not familiar with things like “Thanksgiving will be at our home this year, so . . .” or “Her 16th birthday party will be on our patio this August, so . . .” We have all been there, right? And, like most families, we then discuss things and try to figure out a way to make it happen. Right? WELL, church family, WE HAVE TO TALK!

Twenty years ago, we were blessed with this beautiful new sanctuary. Included in the scope of work done at the time was a new roof on Dodds Hall, new parking lots, an atrium to connect the sanctuary with Dodds Hall, a covered walkway leading to the CE bldg, and the Hudson House (our emergency residence). Some of you don’t know it, but see these gorgeous stained windows ... It was a very good investment to get all of that, for about \$1.2M. Basically, we raised most of it ourselves, through individual donations and building bonds [wherein we individually bought interest-bearing bonds from the Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program, and they then provided us a mortgage loan — essentially, we members loaned ourselves the money!] That mortgage then got paid off. But, like our home, we occasionally have to do more than just change light bulbs and vacuum the carpets. We have not really done anything major to this new sanctuary home in the past 20 years except some painting, replacement of a couple of small AC units, and this great screen system. Countless volunteer hours and many precious resources went into restoring Dodds Hall and the CE building, but not this sanctuary. It needs work now; and, WE HAVE TO TALK.

There is a basic list of things that need to be done with our current working estimates. New roof \$45k. Replace the HVAC \$65k. Replace fabric and padding on the pews and chairs, and refurbish the wood \$22k. The cracking parking lot needs attention, with new patches, sealing, stripping and bumper blocks MIN \$12k. And, to make the campus truly a statement of joy — renovate the kitchen in Dodds Hall \$15k and refurbish the 1965 bathrooms in the CE building \$10k. If you have been counting on your fingers and toes as I rattled that off to you, it adds up to at least \$200k. But you know, if our membership of twenty years ago could raise \$1.2M, I am confident that we today could raise a small fraction of that, in today's dollars, to restore our original investment and prepare for this Fall's 20th anniversary of this new sanctuary.

So, family, here's the deal. [You will hear more later in the Caller, on other Sundays, and in the mail.] Essentially, Session has authorized a special \$200k Capital Campaign called *Strengthening the House the Lord Built*, to culminate on 18 May (3 weeks from today) with your individual commitments to contribute towards the goal of at least \$200k. Your commitment can be all at once, in several chunks, or spread out over as many as 18 months. But the important thing is that we each try to do our own bit to help the family meet its challenge. There are more than 300 members of our family — you do the math to see how notionally doable this really is. AND, because we continue to be a mission-based church, 10% of all contributions to this Capital Campaign will go towards CCPC missions. And yes, May 18 is also Music Sunday, but what a great way for our church family to celebrate the reaching of another milestone goal!

So, in closing, please, prayerfully reflect on our capital needs and your role in turning those needs into reality. I am personally confident that this generation of church family can quickly meet, and even exceed, our goals. And, as you may have surmised and probably already noticed, some church improvements could not wait and have already confidently begun!

Thank you for allowing us to have THIS TALK.

(The above article is from a presentation to the congregation presented by Mark Pfarrer on Sunday, May11)

Thank You!

To our wonderful Church family,

Life is abundant! Thank you all for helping us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. To share our joy with the people we love most of all, our church family. Thank you for your love and best wishes. Thank you to our precious children and grandchildren who made the whole weekend wonderful. Our life is rich and full. CCPC has been a major part of our family life and this journey we are on. How we landed here in the mist of such a wealth of beautiful people is beyond our comprehension, but we are blessed. Thank you to Kathryn and David McCarty for helping the girls on Saturday. You Rock! We are grateful and thankful for all the support and love we have received at CCPC. Thank you!

Blessing to all,

Joy and Harold Bible



Our Easter Egg Hunt was a fabulous success! Thank you to all those who sent in candy. Your generosity provided our kids with the biggest and best egg hunt in years. There were many smiling faces in Dodds Hall on Easter morning thanks to YOU!

Blessings from the Children's Ministry

Health & Healing

Join us during our new summer time:
Every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3 PM at Doris Kobe's home.

Covenant Circle

Covenant Circle will be meeting on May 12th at Sylvia Dunlap's home.

Chaperones Needed!

Youth ministry needs chaperones for the
**Montreat Retreat (27 July – 2 Aug) and
the Junior High Retreat (27 – 29 June)**

If you like teenagers, please help.
If you don't, there's no better way to get to know one!
Please consider if you are interested and have the time to share.

Get in touch with Debbie Armstrong (Debbie.armstrong@dbr.com) or
Kristen Zacheis (ccpcyouth15@gmail.com) for more information.

Blessings!

And, YOUTH — Don't Forget!

**Pizza Making at Carrie Casto's home on
Sunday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8 PM at
12605 Kembridge Drive, Bowie, MD**



Let Carrie know by Friday so she knows
how much food supplies to have on hand.

Also, parents, when you RSVP, please add
what toppings your child likes on the
pizzas and if he/she has any allergies.

Bowie Senior Center

Putting the Pieces of the Puzzle Together

2014 Information and Referral Fair

May 21, 22, and 23

Two days of panel discussion with topics related to senior adults and
one day of vendors

May 21: *The Importance of Financial, Health Planning and Important Documents*
10 to 11:30 AM

May 22: *Living Well While Living Long*
10 to 11:30 AM

May 23: Informational Vendors
10 AM to 2 PM

Free and Open to the Public

14900 Health Center Drive * 301-809-2300 * www.cityofbowie/seniorcenter

Friends on the Road!

June 17, 2014 from 7 AM to 7 PM

James Madison's Montpelier
Home of the Father of the Constitution
Architect of the Bill of Rights
Home of America's First First Lady

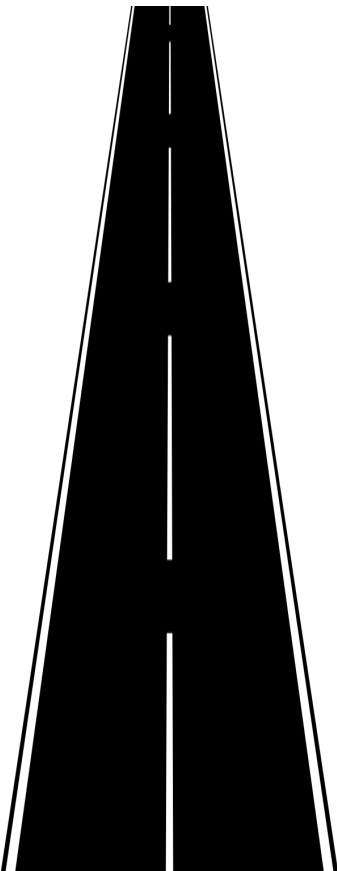
The trip will depart at 7 AM from
Belair Mansion and be returning
approximately at 7 PM

Cost is \$85.00 (\$75.00 for Friends of Belair/Huntington Heritage
Society)

Visa/MC/Discover accepted—Call 301-809-3089 or
Checks payable to FOBE—Mail payment and registration to
FOBE Trip 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, Bowie, MD 20715

Questions: 301-809-3089

CCPC Contact: Deb Cooper 301-262-2748 or deborahkcooper@verizon.net



Women's Worship Service and Luncheon

**Women's worship service is
Sunday, June 1st at 10 AM.**

We will be announcing the recipient of the honorary life membership award and the Sue Cobb scholarship recipient.

We will have the women's lunch after the worship service in Dodds Hall. It will be catered and the cost will be \$5.

**All women are welcome and
we hope to see you there!**



Hang & Gubal Concert

**Friday, May 30
7 PM in the Sanctuary**

Imagine Yoga & Wellness Center invites you to join them for unique musical experience as they welcome back award-winning composer Matt Venuti, performing original songs while accompanying himself on the Hang & Gubal, two rare and captivating new acoustic instruments from the Swiss-based PANArt company. His concerts are renowned to inspire peace and joy. Price, \$20. For more information, contact Ann@ImagineThePlace.com, or call 443-510-6308.

Vesper Prayers Concert

Mozart's Solemn Vespers of the Confessor as well as works by Franz Schubert, John Rutter, Howard Goodall, and more will be presented by the Chesapeake Chorale on

**May 17 at 8 PM at the
Cresthill Baptist Church**

Canned goods for the Bowie Food Pantry are encouraged! For more information call 410-721-5422 or visit their website at www.chesapeakechorale.org.

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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.

