



The Caller

June 1, 2014

We are entering the summer months and several things are happening at CCPC.

First, the Spring Capital Drive is continuing to move towards its goal. So far we have received checks/pledges of \$241,000. Of that amount, over \$105,000 has already been received. We are confident we will easily exceed the \$250,000 goal. We have enough money on hand to order the fabric for the pews and the Sanctuary carpet. We hope to arrange for the refurbishment of the pews and the installation of the carpet to take place in late July or early August. As additional funds become available, the Building and Grounds committee will award a bid for the replacement of the sanctuary heating and air conditioning unit. We will probably worship in Dodds Hall for at least one Sunday this summer. Thank you for your generosity.

Second, for several reasons we decided to not hold Vacation Bible School this summer. The majority of our children are either younger, or older, than the 4-11 age group that VBS targets. The program we run requires dozens of volunteers to present the Bible stories, feed the children and the staff an evening meal, provide outdoor games, and lead the worship and singing. To manage the children requires at least 15 older youth to escort them to each programming module. With several key volunteers not available this summer, and since we don't have a youth coordinator in place to recruit and train the youth crew leaders, we decided to suspend VBS for this year. To provide opportunities for fun and fellowship with families, we will have the popular "Toddler VBS" on Saturday morning, July 19th from 9:30-11:30 AM and a "Family Olympics" program in August.

Finally, our pastoral assistant, Margaret Hallau, announced her retirement. Margaret will remain on the job until August 1st in order to help facilitate the many summer events and vacations (I will be gone three weeks in June and July). The Session has decided to use this time to study the overall staffing needs of the church. We have come to believe we need a trained and experienced, full time leader to oversee the entire spiritual development of the congregation. With Margaret's retirement and the existing opening in the Youth Coordinator's position, we have a unique opportunity to study our needs and devise a comprehensive strategy going forward. The Session is forming a committee to develop a vision for our overall program and to devise a position description for a new leader. The committee hopes to have a plan in place by the July 21st Session meeting. At some point this summer you will be surveyed about how we can best address your spiritual growth. Please pray for the committee.

In the meantime, I appreciate the effort of Elders Kristen Zacheis and Debbie Armstrong to keep the youth program going. We have a good sized group of Junior High students going on the June 28-30th retreat. We have six high school youth going to the Montreat Youth Conference in late July (we could use another chaperone). I have enjoyed teaching the wonderful group of Confirmation students that will join the church on June 8th.

Good things are happening. Better things await us in the future. God is always good.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard



Worship Notes

June 1: Presbyterian Women of the Church Sunday. Our preacher is Dr. Bridget Peters whose sermon title is "God Allows for a U Turn." Special music will be from a Women's Choir and a special International Choir. There will be a presentation of the Sue Cobb Scholarship and the PWOC Women of the year.

June 8: The Day of Pentecost and Youth Sunday. We will receive the Confirmation Class and honor high school graduates. There will be special music from our youth. Rev. Brassard's Homily is titled, "Rejoice in Hope."



June Sunday Calendar

Sunday, June 1, 2014

9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM PWOC Worship with Communion -- Sanctuary
11:15 AM Confirmation Class with Session -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
11:15 AM Ladies Luncheon -- Dodds Hall
3:00 PM Lerna May-Frandsen's Violin/Viola Studio Recital --
Sanctuary and Atrium
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Youth Sunday, June 8, 2014

9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room
7:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale Board Meeting -- Adult Ed
Conf Rm

Sunday, June 15, 2014

Happy Father's Day!
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship with Officers Ordination/Installation -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, June 22, 2014

9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship with Theberge Baptism -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
11:15 AM Youth Council Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, June 29, 2014

Rhodes Grove Jr. High Retreat Ends
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship with Murphy Baptism and Commissioning of
Stephen Ministries Class of 2014 -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session approved Chuck Tanner, Beth Janeczek and Trudy Neff as Elder Commissioners to National Capital Presbytery meetings for the coming year.

CCPC was named as beneficiary of a Bruce Bell retirement account. Bruce was a former CCPC member. He died in Florida in May 2013. Funds in the account have been transferred to CCPC in the amount of \$54,330.

Session set the dates for celebration of the 20th anniversary of the sanctuary dedication for 27 and 28 September 2014. Make note of these dates on your calendar.

Dear CCPC Family and Friends,

THANK YOU for all your prayers, cards, flowers, visits, and phone calls following my back surgery.

Your caring ways eased my pain and helped my recovery.

Blessings to each of you.

Marge Clark

Directory Updates

Please note the email address for Patty Adams should be paadams8888@gmail.com.
Please update your directory.



Summer Fun

with Children's Ministry!

Hi Families!

Here's the lowdown on what we have going on this summer:

CRADLE ROLL: Cradle Roll (ages 6 months-2 years) will be on hiatus during the summer and will resume after Labor Day. There is a cry room at the back of the Sanctuary for anyone who needs it. Please let Rebecca Coleman know if you wish for any new toys or other supplies in this room!

BUSY BEES: Busy Bees (ages 2- 3.5) will be staffed on a volunteer basis during the summer-- no structured lessons.

BIGGER KIDS: Summer Optional Activity will replace Sunday School for the summer beginning the first week in June. Optional Activity is for children **ages 4 up to third grade**. Children older than this can sit with their parents during the service; drawing paper, crayons and colored pencils, and occasional activity sheets will be provided for families who wish to use them. Optional Activity is usually either playing on the playground with friends (in nice weather) or watching Bible-based videos in the Children's Worship Center, with other fun activities at the discretion of the volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please see Kim Tavel! This is an easy and very useful service you can provide to your church family.

TODDLER VBS: Toddler VBS will be held **Saturday, July 19** from 9:30-11:30 AM for ages 0 through age 3. Mark your calendars!

BIG KID VBS: Unfortunately, our regular VBS will not be held this year; we intend to re-start it again next year. Volunteer staffing issues and the need to revitalize the Youth program (with all its necessary youth volunteers) are at the heart of our decision not to hold this much-loved program this year. To re-start the program next year we will need a fresh new group of grown-up volunteers as well, to help run crafts, games, and Bible stories. Please consider the idea of helping out in 2015!

FAMILY OLYMPICS: In lieu of VBS, this year we are planning a very fun Family Olympics event in August after a church service. The date has yet to be finalized, but I am really looking forward to this cool event!

All the best,
Rebecca

Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity Trip

August 3-9, 2014

We will be working on renovating Camp Woods as a place for the volunteer workers to stay.

Sign up by June 29! Sign up sheets will be in the atrium.

CCPC's Flower Beds Need YOU!

Our lovely gardens are divided into manageable plots so that individuals or families can maintain them. They have been weeded and mulched this spring — and now need folks to maintain them.

Please consider signing up for a plot on the sign in sheet in the Atrium.

Just think, great exercise, a bit of quiet time communing with weeds, and a glorious feeling of accomplishment!



Are You Traveling this Summer?

This year, we plan to give families personal items as a supplement to their gifts for Christmas Families.

Many of you travel and are given small items like soap, lotion, shampoo, etc. by hotels, cruise ships, and other hospitality groups. Please bring back any extras and put them in the bag marked Christmas Families in the church office.

Any questions, please contact Roxanne Johnson or Francis Rocha.

Friendly Reminders!

June 1—Ladies Luncheon (in Dodds Hall after the 10 AM PWOC worship)

June 1—Lerna May-Frandsen Studio Violin/Viola Recital (at 3 PM in Sanctuary)

June 15—Father's Day (do something special for dad!)

June 15—Reservation Deadline for *Moses* theatre trip

June 17—Friends on the Road (road trip to James Madison's Montpelier)

June 27—Junior High Retreat to Rhodes Grove (Still Need Chaperones!)



The next Caller will be sent out on June 13, 2014. Please have all articles in by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 10th. Any questions, please call the office at (301) 262-6008 or email to ccpcbowie@verizon.net.

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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.

