



On September 28th, CCPC will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of our Sanctuary. What we call the sanctuary is more than just the beautiful space where we worship God. The project also included the attractive atrium, the covered walkway that connects the atrium to the Christian Education building, the offices, meeting rooms, and the choir room. The Lord has blessed us with an attractive and very functional space. We are also celebrating the refurbishment of the pews and carpet (we hope it is done on time!), the new heating/air conditioning system (installation the week of October 6th), and the re-shingled roof. So far we have received in excess of \$220,000 in gifts for the capital improvements. You are all very generous. The Lord is indeed good.

Pastor/writer Lillian Daniels in her book, "When 'Spiritual But Not Religious' is Not Enough," writes about the pleasure she had in leading her historic congregational church in New England through a big anniversary celebration of laying the cornerstone of their sanctuary. The church had gone through some rough times, two church splits, some angry and painful departures of ministers, but things had been looking up and the church was ready to celebrate.

The congregation spent two years gearing up for the big day and everyone in the church was participating. It was going to be great. And then just about a month before the big day, it came to the volunteer church historians' attention that there had been a mistake. In calculating the date, they had the wrong year. The building's 75th anniversary had been the year before. Well, even though it was a small church the word got out in town. "Really? Your church missed its own anniversary?" In New England that is pastoral misconduct.

No one overacted. When the Board met to discuss the plans for the celebration someone brought up the embarrassing fact of the date. One member said, "Well I've done some checking. The building took a year to complete. Then, the actual first worship service didn't happen for another six months. (Maybe they too had to wait for the pew company to get its work done). I mean who celebrates the anniversary of a building? It's all about the people."

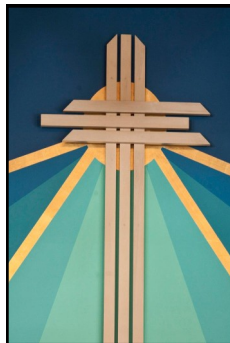
I laughed reading Daniels story. The building committee at CCPC was together for over 10 years. The church had many stops and starts. Twice the plan went out for bid. Money was tight. Not everyone thought it was a good idea, including the Presbytery who didn't co-sign on the mortgage. Yet, thanks to the patience and perseverance of many people, and the grace of a powerful God, we are celebrating 20 years since the first worship service was held on October 2, 1994.

So we will celebrate! The service will have plenty of special music. We will eat a free, catered meal after the 10AM special service. Hospitality chair Mary Lou Chappell needs a count to order the food. You will have a chance to fill out an RSVP in worship on Sunday, September 21. If you are not able to RSVP on Sunday or if you are coming from out of town, please RSVP to Robin by phone (301) 262-6008 or e-mail ccpcbowie@verizon.net. We want everyone to come and celebrate. Remember, it's all about the people.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard

20th Anniversary Celebration!



Share Memories With Your Pictures

Please share any pictures you may have of the “firsts” or special events that occurred in the sanctuary over the last 20 years. Send pictures, such as weddings, baptisms, confirmations, recitals, VBS, etc. to
Kathryn McCarty by September 19th at
kathrynomccarty@yahoo.com.

Friendly Reminder!

Planning to attend the celebration? If so, you must make reservations. Please fill out the form below and return to CCPC.

CCPC's

20th Anniversary Celebration!

Luncheon Reservation

September 28, 2014

at 11:15 a.m. in Dodds Hall

I/We plan to attend: write name(s) of
everyone attending:

Total number of people attending: _____

Please return to church office by 9/22.

Thank you!



Covenant Circle

We will always be children of the Covenant;
we will always be in the Circle of God's love. However, we are cancelling our formal study meetings and will have occasional social meetings instead. For those of you who are in the circle, we hope you continue to join us. For folks who have never been to our circle, please feel free to join us at our next meeting.

Contact for this circle is Sarah Hyde
at 301-262-6819

“ . . . Our physical body is becoming
older and weaker, but our spirit . . .
Is made new every day.”

II Corinthians 4:16 (HCV)

Worship Notes

September 14th: We will pass out Bibles to some of our students. The Habitat for Humanity Work Team will give a special report. The sermon will be on Matthew 18:21-35 where Jesus tells Peter he must forgive his brothers 77 times. The title is “The Amazing Generosity of Grace.”

September 21st: In Colossians 1, the Apostle Paul makes the distinction between knowledge and wisdom. A colleague summarized Paul's thinking. “Knowledge is the accumulation of facts. Wisdom knows what to do with the facts. Wisdom knows how to live, given what we know.”

Thank You

Dear CCPC Family and Friends,

Although late, I want to thank everyone for their visits and cards when I was “vacationing” in Crofton Convalescent. I want to thank Marge Clark for keeping the bed warm. I took over her room. I was touched by the many cards and well wishes on my 90th birthday.

Frank appreciated those that remembered his 96th birthday.
We had a great trip to Westminster to be part of our family reunion.

Thanks,

Jane and Frank Sumner

DEACON'S CORNER

This is the 41st of articles about living well by considering the host of things we can change in our lives, our homes and our surroundings that can make our lives healthier, happier, and safer. Special thanks to Joy Bible, former Moderator of the Board of Deacons, for sharing her wisdom and expertise through the Deacon's Corner. We will be preparing a complete set of Deacon's Corner articles to share with CCPC.

In this world of political correctness, it can be frustrating to think that I want to say one thing, but my conscious tells me "wrong." Remember that childhood saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me?" WRONG! Guess what, words can be very harmful, hurtful, and destructive. The earliest citation I found of this saying comes from an American periodical with a largely black audience, "The Christian Recorder," March 1862:

Remember the old adage, "Sticks and Stones will break my bones, but words will never harm me."

True courage consists in doing what is right, despite the jeers and sneers of our companions.

Since it was labeled as an old adage, it suggests an earlier coinage. Early on people realized the power of the tongue. WORDS are very powerful and they can leave a terrible hurt on someone's soul or raise a soul up to shine. Once said words can NEVER be retrieved. Words can make a tremendous impact on a person's life.

Today, we wage a huge war on bullying, verbal child abuse, and just plain lack of kindness and civility. I was told growing up, "If you can't say something kind, DON'T say anything at all." This is a conscious decision each of us makes, whether to be kind and encouraging, or hurtful and harmful. When you make a conscious decision to be an encourager, you become God's helping hand of support inspiring courage, hope, and confidence in the midst of a weary world. Speak words of encouragement, positive words, kind words, words of love. Make being an encourager a habit.

Just think what a more civil world we could have if we would offer suggestions, not advice. Honor the other person's ability to chart a course, instead of name-calling or criticizing. A kind word goes much further than a harsh one. Think of all those you love: your children, grandchildren, all those around you. How awesome the world we live in would be if each day we uttered things like:

- ♥ You do such good work!
- ♥ You are such an angel!
- ♥ You always make my day!
- ♥ You never give up!
- ♥ Being around you blesses me always!

These are just a few of caring, positive, and encouraging things one can say. It is time for all of us to speak words of kindness. You can be honest with one another but with an encouraging, positive attitude. To quote Dr. Phil, It takes a 1000 "atta boys," to erase one hurtful comment to a spouse or child. There is an old saying, "Four things cometh not back — a sped arrow, a past life, a spoken word, and a neglected opportunity." Mother Teresa said, "Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness." Just as it takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown, bring light into the lives of others with words that are uplifting, kind, and encouraging.

CCPC

Ladies Getaway

Friday through Sunday
October 3 — 5, 2014
(or just come for Saturday night)

Just a Ladies Getaway for friends and family to enjoy a relaxing weekend by the sea.

Interested? Make your reservations by
Wednesday, September 24th at

Dunes Manor
28th Street
Ocean City, Maryland
800-523-2888

Cost:

\$63.00 per person, per night, double

\$45.68 per person, per night, triple

\$37.08 per person, per night, quad

Tax is included in price

Two double beds per room with a small fridge and microwave. All rooms are ocean front with a balcony! Check in time is 3 PM.

Afternoon tea served from 3 to 4 PM

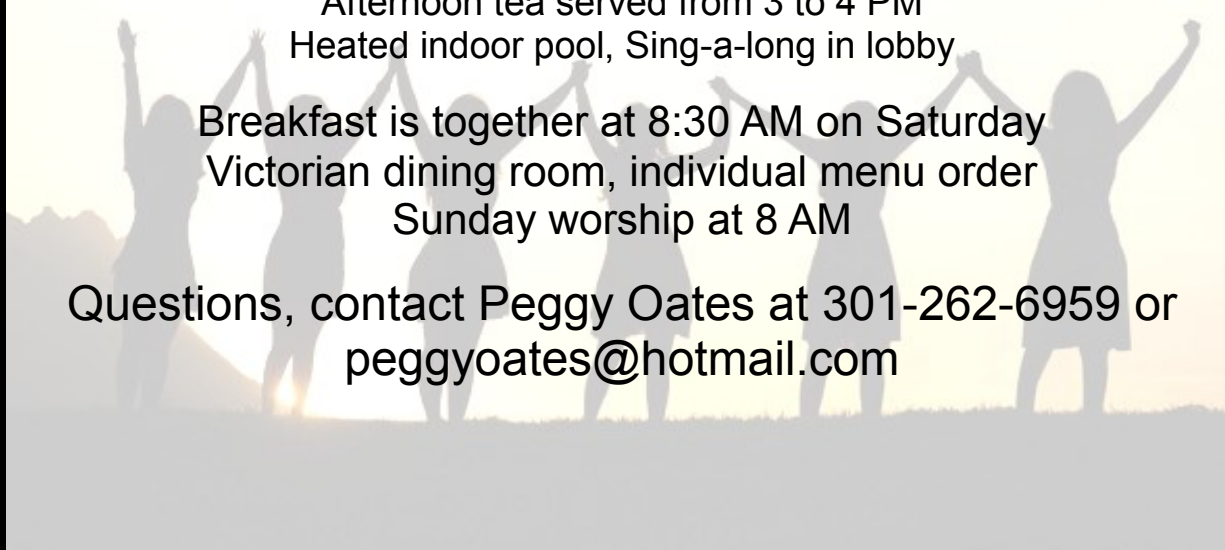
Heated indoor pool, Sing-a-long in lobby

Breakfast is together at 8:30 AM on Saturday

Victorian dining room, individual menu order

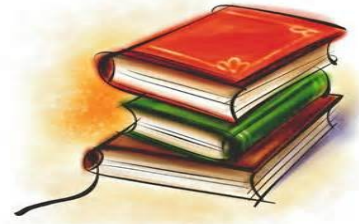
Sunday worship at 8 AM

Questions, contact Peggy Oates at 301-262-6959 or
peggyoates@hotmail.com



Adult Education

On Sunday, September 21 at 11:15 AM in the Adult Ed Conference Room, Mary Brock will speak on her recent trip to Jerusalem.



Christmas Families

Friendly reminder for all travel and small size personal items like shampoo, soap, etc. can be left in the bag in the church office. We are collecting them for our Christmas Families again this year. Thank you for your help!

Christmas Market

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 2nd! The Christmas Market will be held in Dodds Hall, just in time for you to get started on your Christmas shopping! Details will be in the next newsletter.



Ladies Tea



There will be a Ladies Tea on Saturday, October 11 from 11 AM to 1 PM in Dodds Hall.

There will be a catered lunch and we will have a guest speaker. You won't want to miss this, ladies!

So, mark your calendars and we hope you'll join us! Questions, contact Peggy Oates at

peggyoates@hotmail.com or 301-262-6959.

Almost Heaven Habitat Camp Wood

AUGUST 3-9, 2014 REPORT

Our mission project for 2014 was to work at Camp Wood, a former CCC Camp, used by WVU students in their forestry and geology programs, as well as a 4-H Camp near White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Almost Heaven Habitat received a special use permit for the land these buildings are on from the Forestry Service. It is their vision to create a volunteer center for Habitat volunteers to stay in when they come to work.

Several people stopped by to see what was happening. People were glad to see that the camp was being restored since some of the buildings were in very bad condition. One man had stayed there as a WVU student and had his picture taken where his bed was in his dorm. Jackie Lindbeck did some research and found a man who wrote a book about Camp Wood and 4-H. It turned out that she knew him. He came to the site and gave us a verbal history of the camp when it was a 4-H camp and some of his personal experiences as a camper. Jackie purchased a copy of his book for the camp museum.

CCPC had 29 workers volunteer to work. There were 11 young adults and 18 adults. Some stayed all week; some came for a few days. We winterized the former bath house, which will be the office and museum, and Hope Cottage, which will eventually be the caretaker's cottage. Siding was scraped, many coats of primer and paint applied, broken window glass removed or windows replaced, a new roof put on the bath house, chimneys repaired with flashing, and large areas of overgrowth of poison ivy and weeds cut down. We got to meet a family that is working to earn their sweat equity to move into a Habitat house. They are a young couple – Josh, Francesca, and 8 month old Elizabeth Berry. They are working towards moving into one of the houses CCPC built on our 2012 trip.

We stayed at the Civic Center in White Sulphur Springs. It is in an old middle school. Men and women had different rooms where we slept on army cots or inflatable mattresses. Bathrooms were in the basement locker room. There was a full kitchen with pots and pans but we were asked not to use their dishes or silverware and to bring all our own paper products and cleaning products. The gym had basketball hoops so Julia Leaman brought a basketball.

Menus were created by Tracy Backus. Tracy and Susan Brutout shopped at BJ's for non-perishables and shopped in White Sulphur Springs at the local Food Lion for the rest of the food. Some items not used were donated to the church, some to the family that will move into one of the houses we built on the 2012 trip, silverware and clothes line was saved for the next trip, some toilet paper and paper towels were left at the Civic Center, and some given to the Habitat director for a picnic for the workers.

The cost to participate with Habitat was \$25,000, their price for a full build.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Brutout

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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.

