



Hey Everyone,

As your new Christian Education Director I just wanted to update you on what to expect on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and beyond with our schedule changes. I have been working feverishly with our Children's Ministry elders Alex Bourne and Carrie Ahearn to get things ready as well as with many teachers and parents. Thus, I put together a Frequently Asked Questions section for this week's Caller so here you go:

**What time should I be here? Why?** You should get here between 9:20 AM - 9:30 AM. All parents who drop off children in that time frame will receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card! All children who arrive in that time frame will receive an "on time point" which will later be redeemable for a prize of their own.

**Where do I bring my child?** You will sign in your child in the Atrium and then based on their age bring them to one the following rooms:

- **Cradle Roll** (sitting up to 24 months) will be in the Dodd's Hall Conference Room
- **Busy Bees** (ages 2-5) will meet in the Nursery
- **Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** will begin in the Children's Worship Center
- **Jr. & Sr. High Connect** will be in the Jr. & Sr. High Room

**Where do I go?**

Starting February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Adult Education will be meeting at the above time as well. This means you can head to a class for adults! Dick Arnold will be leading our first offering. He will be discussing *Stewardship of the Earth and How to Protect an Endangered Species*. If that doesn't strike your fancy, you are more than welcome to grab a cup of coffee and fellowship with your fellow members.

**Will there be an option if my child has difficulty staying in church for the full hour?**

Yes, we will have an OPTIONAL activity for ages two through Kindergarten. This means grades 1st through 5th will now stay with us in worship. We are excited to welcome the occasional "joyful noises" that may result from this, but will also be putting together some church friendly activities for them to have during Pastor

sheets on the Cradle Roll classroom door, the Atrium Kiosk, or email me at [ccpcdirced@verizon.net](mailto:ccpcdirced@verizon.net).

**Is this going to work?** I honestly believe it will! **BUT**, to steal a line from last week's sermon by Pastor James, "God's new beginnings require your participation." We need you and your youth and children to continue to participate in educational opportunities for this to work! I really hope to see all of your smiling faces at 9:30 AM!

Justin Devine

## *Worship Notes*

**February 15th:** We conclude Epiphany with the grandest of Appearances of Christ in Glory: The Transfiguration. The Hebrews believed the higher up you went, the closer you got to God's presence. What does the strange encounter with God on the mountaintop say about our faith?

**Ash Wednesday Services (7:30 AM and 7:30 PM):**

Want to start Lent off with a clear focus? Join us for a brief service of scripture readings and prayer. The main text for the service is *Matthew 6:25-34*, where Jesus asks us five rhetorical questions having to do with worry. We will reflect on the questions before we receive the Impositions of Ashes that remind us of our humanity and our reliance on God.

**February 22nd (First Sunday in Lent):** Lent is a "Double Journey" as we face our imperfect humanity and confront God's grace-filled divinity. We live in an unreflective culture that constrains us from considering fully the truths about our human condition. In Mark's gospel, the account of Jesus' baptism by John is closely linked to his temptation in the wilderness. We will begin this journey with a service of Reaffirmation of our Baptismal promises.

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## *Lenten* **READINGS**

Looking for a *different* Lenten discipline this year?

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

Join us in the Sanctuary each morning (except Sundays) during Lent (February 18th through April 4th) at 7:15 AM for the reading of the daily lectionary and a brief prayer.

We are usually finished by 7:30 AM.

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# DEACON'S CORNER

HELP! "I've fallen and I can't get up." We hear this all the time in commercials on TV and in magazine ads. Sometimes we chuckle and sometimes we are just tired of hearing it. But, the facts of the matter are every year more and more seniors are injured or worse from falls. This is not a laughing matter! Today, falls are one of the quickest ways for senior citizens to become disabled and lose their independence. Here I may repeat myself from other Deacon's Corners, but it is critical that each of us examine our homes, our routines, and our situations to keep us safe and upright.

In the home, the hazards are many: rugs, pets, bathtub showers, stairways, cords, cables and wires, clutter, and chairs. The use of the shower in the home is perhaps one of the MOST dangerous hazards. Tub showers are a tragedy waiting to happen. If possible, use a dedicated shower stall or a shower chair and a hand held shower spray. It is fairly inexpensive to have grab bars installed for safety, slip proof strips in the tub, (although most strips are ineffective), and it would not hurt to add a waterproof boat cushion at the end of the tub.

Stairways are also a serious hazard for seniors. There has been a dramatic rise in injuries and death from falls on stairways in seniors over 65. Slow down. Keep stairways clear of stuff. Use railings and/or walking aides. Throw rugs are a major hazard — get rid of them. Watch out for your pet before you start walking, turning, or moving. Cords, cables, and wires can be deadly if you trip over them.

As seniors, we must take some responsibility and practice safe behaviors. It only takes one fall to end up in a nursing home or hospital. Remember, as we age, bone fragility can become a factor in our recovery as well as being on blood thinners, our balance or equilibrium, or just being too stubborn to use a cane or walker as an aid. For most seniors, the goal is to stay safe, stay active, and independent as long as possible. For seniors who live alone, invest in a life alert system or any system where you can alert family or authorities if you fall or are in danger. Realizing where we are in life and accepting the changes will lead to a fuller, more peaceful life. Life is what we celebrate. All of it; even our aging!



# *Adult* **Education**

Join us on Sunday, February 22nd, in Dodds Hall to hear Dick Arnold demonstrate his *Stewardship of the Earth* by talking about an endangered species — the Monarch butterfly!



## *Honduran* **Coffee!**

Judyann Feinstein and Jackie Lindbeck will be selling premium Honduran coffee on Sunday mornings, between and after services. This coffee was packaged fresh in Honduras on January 22nd and was brought back by the Living Waters for the World (LWW) team.

Anyone who has tried this coffee can tell you how good it is, so be sure to make your purchase before it is gone.

A certain pastor, who shall remain nameless, has already claimed almost a third of the shipment, which further attests to its popularity. This year, we are charging \$12 per pound bag, including an \$8 donation. You will receive a receipt for your donation, and if you place it in one of your offering envelopes, Sandy Dorsey will see to it that it shows up on your CCPC donation record.

*Thank you!*



# Chili Cook Off!

**Come one, come all!**

## **CCPC Choirs Chili Cook Off Sunday, March 1st after the 10:30 AM service!**

Sample more than ten different types of chili (from vegetarian to mega-spicy!), and enjoy salad, cornbread, and dessert with the CCPC Choirs after church on Sunday.

You can vote for your favorite chili recipe, converse with your friends and neighbors, and not have to do the cooking!

There will be non-chili luncheon options available too!

Hope to see you there!



The  
**2015**  
**CCPC Directory**

**We would like to update our CCPC directory and  
your help is needed and appreciated!**

On Sunday, March 1st, 15th, and 29th,  
church member photographers will be here to take your pictures, so  
bring those pearly whites and SMILE!

It would be great to have everyone's picture in the directory, so  
please try to make one of these dates if you can. If you already  
have a picture you would like us to use, please feel free to email it in  
jpeg format to Robin at [ccpcbowie@verizon.net](mailto:ccpcbowie@verizon.net).

There will also be a short form to fill out so we have the correct con-  
tact information for all of our members.

Once all of the pictures and forms are entered into our database, the  
directory will be printed out and placed in the alcove for you to  
pickup. We are hoping this will be completed by June 1st.

# "Blankets of Hope" Marathon

**Saturday, March 28th**  
**Christian Community**  
**Presbyterian Church**

3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD

**4 Hour Marathon from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

*(or until we run out of fleece!)*



Drop in anytime and stay as long as you like

**Angels of ALL Ages are Needed!**

Blankets are desperately needed for our wounded soldiers and will be delivered to Walter Reed & the VA Medical Center in Baltimore. If you can tie a knot, you can make a Blanket of Hope!

**Volunteers will be on hand to show you what to do**

### What is a Blanket of Hope?

It's a blanket created from love to provide hope & comfort to a wounded hero during one of the most difficult and vulnerable times of their lives. This year, the Blankets of Hope will be delivered to our soldiers in military hospitals here at home. It's a powerful thing for a wounded hero to know that someone cares.

### Please bring the following supplies:

- 1.) Material: 2 yards of fleece - front panel should be a pattern & back panel a solid. Bright colors are good, but patriotic colors & patterns work well.  
You can purchase fleece at JoAnn Fabrics (by the yard or as a kit – either size as we are making lap & bed blankets) or Pico Textiles (on-line).
- 2.) Ruler.
- 3.) Pair of Scissors (*please label with your name*).

### If you would like to make a blanket but are unavailable that day, here is what you can do!

Contact us for "How to" instructions. Complete your Blanket of Hope at home and then deliver it to CCPC the day of our Blanket Marathon or by March 28!

**NOTE: Please bring fleece to make at least one blanket. There may be more fabric on hand to make a second or even a third one. However, if you cannot bring fleece, it is okay as we need you there to tie knots.**

For more info, to request "how to" instructions, to let us know you are coming, or to make a donation [*either monetary (tax deductible – made payable to the Yellow Ribbon Fund – "Blankets of Hope" in memo or fleece*), please contact: Deborah Rice @ 240-381-1184 or tricitiesrealestatellc@gmail.com.

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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](mailto:info@belaircoop.org)

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## 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](http://www.ImagineThePlace.com), call 443-510-6308, or e-mail [Ann@ImagineThePlace.com](mailto:Ann@ImagineThePlace.com). Scholarships available.

