

#### **Fall Worship Schedule**

On Sunday, September 13th, we will return to our regular Sunday schedule:

8:30—9:15 AM
Chapel Service with Communion
9:30—10:15 AM

Christian Education for all ages

10:30—11:30 AM Main Worship Service

A complete listing of teachers and classes is in the below article by Justin Devine.

### **Adult Education & Sunday School**

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 9:30 AM

Sunday school is starting up very soon, and I hope you are as excited about it as we are! The Children's Ministry will be having several events throughout the year, but Sunday school is our ongoing source of Christian education for our children, so we invite all of you with children to bring them to participate in this wonderful program. We have added a few new teachers this year, along with a couple of small changes, but for the most part things will continue as they did in the spring time. Once again I have prepared a FAQ to help answer some of the detail questions that you might have. So here it is:

Where do I go when I get here? Great Question! You and your child will come to the registration table located right in front of the Dodds Hall entrance way. You will fill out some basic information that we will use for the remainder of the year! Even if you arrive a few minutes late still come here first.

Who is teaching my child? What class are they in this year? While most of our teachers have stayed the same, there are a few changes. So, here is a listing of the age groups and the affiliated teachers.

#### Cradle Roll (sitting up—30 months)

Alex Bourne
Catherine Coleman

#### Preschool (30 months—5 years)

Kimberly and Melodie Dziduch Kim Tavel and Becky Murphy

#### K—2nd

Carrie Ahearn Dave McCarty Kemi Komlan

#### 3rd—5th grade

Joi Kesner Emelie Rubin Jennifer Woods

#### Connect (6th—12th grade)

Kristen Zacheis Charlie Dziduch Kevin Clemence

**Now that I know what class they are in where is that classroom?** There will be signs directing students where to go. On the first day, we will all be gathering in Dodds Hall before going to our individual classes so that will make things even easier! You will also be able to pick up your children from these same classrooms at 10:15 AM.

What will my children be learning? This fall, we have a theme from the PCUSA called "Growing in Grace and Gratitude," which the four youngest age groups will all be participating in. The Sunday Morning Connect Group will be having topical lessons that last 3 to 6 weeks that they will be studying.

What should I be doing during this time? I am so glad you asked! We will be having Adult Education opportunities for you starting on the 13th as well. Also, starting October 11th, there will be two offerings: Our regular adult education class, but also a special one called "Parents in the Parlor." This new offering will be a discussion-based group that will be led by Kathryn McCarty and Mikaela Devine.

Who do I contact if I have any questions for Adult Ed or Sunday School? Please feel free to contact Justin Devine at 301-262-6008, ccpcdirced@verizon.net, or stop by his office.

I wanted to conclude with a special "Thank you!" to Laurel Cox for her dedicated service to the Cradle Roll program. She is taking a break this year, but has been a leader in the Children's Ministry program for a long time now. We greatly appreciate her hard work and dedication.

#### **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES & EVENTS**

#### Special Coffee and Survey Hour on September 13th

While the children are in Dodds Hall for the first day of Sunday School Classes, we will have coffee and refreshments available in the Narthex. During this time we will have a survey questionnaire for you to fill out on various topics here at CCPC. Topics from Worship, Mission and Adult Education will be included. Please join us for this time of fellowship and discernment.

#### Adult Education Classes begin on September 20th

To get us started with our Adult Education classes for the fall, we have put together a 3 week series on the topic of Samesex Marriage. Our desire is to create an open dialogue on the topic with participation from as many members of the congregation as possible. We will be answering question, having a panel of clergy, and looking at the history of the topic in culture, media, and the church.

#### Same-Sex Marriage Series

**Week 1 on September 20th:** What changes have we witnessed in our lifetime about same-sex marriage in culture, the media, and public attitudes? Did *Seinfeld* think there was anything wrong with that? What impact did Ellen DeGeneres have on same sex couples in the media? How are same-sex couples viewed in the media today?

**Week 2 on September 27th:** How has the church evolved in its practices in issues on same-sex marriage? What are the vows being made in a same-sex marriage? What does the scripture say about this topic? What does the scripture not say? How did the PCUSA come to its decision on inclusion of gay and lesbian clergy? On Same Sex Marriage? How has our session wrestled with this issue?

**Week 3 on October 4th:** What are the next steps we need to take in process and relationships of handling same-sex marriages? How would a same-sex couple be received at CCPC? What are some experiences that clergy have had with same-sex weddings? What are some fears and anxieties our members have about this topic? How do we create a safe space for people who have different views on this topic?

#### "Parents in the Parlor" begins October 11th

This new offering will be a discussion based group that is led by Kathryn McCarty and Mikaela Devine. They will look at topics relevant to current parents of children in a variety of age groups. They will share experiences as well as discuss the many difficulties of parents in today's world. Raising your child in the church is no longer as common as it once was, and this group is designed to aid and empower parents to do just that as well as create a space for adult fellowship that is often hard for parents to find.

And,
Don't
Forget . . .

# Youth Camping Trip

### September 18th — 20th



The Youth will be going camping on September 18th through the 20th. The cost is \$20. We will be leaving Friday afternoon and returning Sunday morning. Campground is Breezy Point in Chesapeake Beach, Md.

All 6th through 12th graders are welcome to attend.

Questions, contact Justin Devine at 301-262-6008 or ccpcdirced@verizon.net.

### Worship Notes

<u>September 6th:</u> The parable of the laborers of the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) has always inspired and frustrated me. Why should those that don't work get the same pay as those that do? New historical research has brought new light on this old tale. The new interpretations have a remarkable contemporary relevance. The sermon it titled, "Is This Justice?"

<u>September 13th:</u> We resume our Fall schedule with the 8:30 chaple/communion service and the 10:30 Main service and then get together to celebrate with Ice Cream! Sounds good to me. The sermon is "Keep Jesus Weird." The text is John 3 and that old friend and skeptic Nicodemus.



A Celebration of Life!

# Joan Christian

### Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 11 AM CCPC Sanctuary

Joan was a long-time Bowie resident, piano teacher, and civil rights advocate. She held the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. event as well as the annual Grovehurst piano recital in our Sanctuary for the past several years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Christian family.

## Thank You!

A BIG Thank You to Kim Tavel for organizing the Optional Activities this summer!



And, a **special** thank you to the following people who helped out and volunteered their time with this event over the summer:

Carrie Ahearn, Debbie Armstrong, Audrey Bahler, Barry Bahler, Alaina Clemence, Rebecca Coleman, Dane Frandsen, Kerryaine Hiller, Robert Hiller, Rebecca Ilko, Victoria Ilko, Dodji Komlan,Kemi Komlan, Claire Leaman, Becky Murphy, Peggy Oates, Skip Oates, Bridget Peters, Monique Phillips, Irene Remley, Ryan Remley, Amanda Rogel, Wesley Shoemaker, Glory Tataw,Myrna Webb, and Kristen Zacheis.

# 7iger Lilies You're Invited!

Tigers Lilies is a women's book group that meets the first Monday of the month from September through June at 7:30 pm in the Parlor. On September 7th(Labor Day), we will talk about books we've read over the summer. Our fall book is *The Good Book* by Peter Gomes - available in paperback or Kindle. We will start our discussion of *The Good Book* on October 5th. Contact Andrea Brassard at andrea.brassard@verizon.net for more information.

### The Gadabouts

The Gadabouts will meet for their regular get together on September 1st at 12 noon in the adult education conference room.

All are welcome!

### Knits with Sticks

Many thanks to Michelle Johnson for her August contribution of a big bag of yarn from her mother's stash. Thanks to her and other anonymous donors, we have a good supply of yarn for scarf knitters and crocheters for the Christmas Families Scarf Project. Please feel free to delve into our supply for a color or colors of your choice.

The items we make are for the parents of the Christmas Families. Any completed scarves, shawlettes, hats, gloves, mittens, or "wristers" can be placed in a bag on the top shelf of the yarn closet, which is the closet in the hall to the left of the sanctuary entrance, at the end nearest the Parlor – across from the ladies restroom.

Blessings, and happy knitting/crocheting, Priscilla Bouic, 301-262-4906

## New Brokerage Account

CCPC now has a new brokerage account with Fidelity.

The account number is Z50326291.

Fidelity's contact information is:

1901 Town Center Blvd Suite 135 Annapolis, Maryland 21401 800-544-1441.

Please contact them directly for details on contributing your long-term appreciated securities directly to the church's brokerage account.



# Christmas Market

Christmas is not around the corner, but the Christmas Market is.

### Save the date! Sunday, November 1, 2015

Join us at CCPC to and shop for your loved ones. More information to follow soon.

# AND

Remember to join us for . . .

# Ice Cream Social

# Sunday, Sept. 13th after Church Service

You are invited to Dodds Hall after the worship service to celebrate the end of summer and to welcome fall. We will be serving hot dogs and chips as well as ice cream, toppings, and drinks.





# **Bowie CROP Walk**Sunday, October 4th 2015



The Bowie CROP Walk to end world hunger will take place on Sunday, October 4th. As in the past few years, this year's walk will be sponsored by and held at

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 14900 Annapolis Road. Walkers should arrive by Noon. The walk starts at 1 PM.

You will have a choice of a 2.5 mile or 4.5 mile walk.

As in previous years, 25% of all proceeds raised from the walk will go to the Food Pantry. Food donations will also be collected on the day of the walk.

After a hiatus, **CCPC will again be sponsoring a team**. All team members must pre-register with their church contacts and complete the necessary paperwork. Walkers are encouraged to collect donations prior to the walk, but are welcome to just come and walk.

Together we can work to help end hunger.

Kris Ross and Debbie Sell are CCPC's contacts for this event.

The Chesapeake Chorale presents

# Not Your Typical Song & Dance

Saturday
October 24, 2015
at 7:30 PM at CCPC

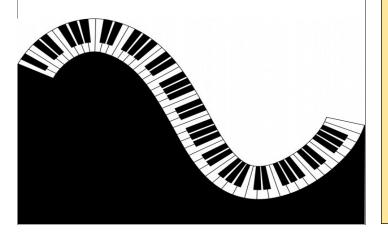
## Featuring Susan Ricci Rogel and Janice Kilgore Wood on piano

Performing music by Haydn, Faurě, Mendelssohn, Debussy, and Bartok And, Bizet's *Carmen Suite*, arranged for piano four hands

### **NO TICKETS REQUIRED!**

### DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

There will be a reception in the Atrium following the performance



Join the

### **Chesapeake Chorale**

for its

### 35th Season!



#### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8th at 7:30 PM

at CCPC in Dodds Hall

Chesapeake Chorale Membership is open to all by audition

For more information visit their website at www.chesapeakechorale.org

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#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2015-2016 SEASON

CPE Back's Magnificat
Mahler's Resurrection
Symphony #2
Cabaret Concert of
Show Tune Favorites



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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 <a href="mailto:info@belaircoop.org">info@belaircoop.org</a>



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 <a href="www.lmagineThePlace.com">www.lmagineThePlace.com</a>, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail <a href="magineThePlace.com">Ann@ImagineThePlace.com</a>. Scholarships available.

