



When my boys were little and we went shopping for clothes, we always had them try on pants that were a size too large to fit perfectly. If the proper pants size was a 4, my oldest would try on a size 5. If it didn't look too ridiculous on him, we would buy it because it left him room to grow. Until he fully grew into his pants, we would fold over the bottom and hem the pants into a makeshift cuff. As he grew taller, we let the cuff out and he wore them until they were too short. Then, if they were not too badly stained, or the knees were not worn out, his younger brother would inherit them.

I thought of this shopping practice when I read the Apostle Paul's urging of the members of the church in Rome to "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ." I prefer the New English Version that translates it to "Dress Yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ." Paul is asking his Christian community to assume some of the qualities of Jesus and to wear them as they would a new set of clothes.

When I think of the shopping practices for my young sons, I think Paul is saying we have to try the ways of Jesus on for size. When we initially look at ourselves in the mirror, we might get quite discouraged. The clothes don't fully fit. Sometimes our lives look nothing like Jesus. But, if we seek the things Jesus calls us to seek and adopt the practices and the character of Jesus, the clothes look and fit a little better. We have to grow into Christ.

At a preaching conference workshop a very talented Lutheran preacher said that after 25 years he is just starting to find his voice as a preacher. He said he is still growing in his understanding of the Word of God and still discovering how it is to be lived in his life and in the lives of the congregation he serves. He said all preaching is a dialogue with the scriptures and with God in prayer. He is not fully formed, but he thinks he is almost grown into the role God called him to serve. He knows he must keep on growing to be an effective witness.

During Stewardship season, we acknowledge that we need to grow in spiritual maturity. Some of you have never made a commitment to give faithfully and regularly to a church. Others have never tried proportional giving. Some of you have experienced God's grace and mercy in your life and find yourself giving 10% or more to God's work. Stewardship is about growing in your faith. As we grow we more completely take on the qualities of our Lord and more fully claim the gifts he has given each of us. There is always room to grow and God is always willing to direct us into new avenues of service.

At the conclusion of the November 15th worship service, we will pass out the 2016 Estimate of Giving Cards. When you are ready you will place them in the basket and head off to our Celebration luncheon in Dodds Hall. This year we will celebrate God's rich blessings on our life together, by sharing a meal featuring Popeye's fried chicken and a special batch of mac and cheese. Since you will probably get your fill of turkey and ham and other thanksgiving food for the rest of the month, we thought a comfort food theme would be welcome. Just bring a side dish or desert to share.

Thank you for your generous giving.

Growing together with you,

James Brassard



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## Worship Notes

**November 1st:** Communion. Sermon Title: *Death is a Good Teacher*. Text is *Parable of the Bigger Barns* from *Luke 12:13-21*. Service will include a pulpit drama, *The Call*. Mission Moment: Alternative Christmas Market from 9 AM—1 PM

**November 8th:** Sermon Title: *Peering Through the eye of the Needle*. Text is *The Parable of the Rich Young Man* from *Mark 10:17-31*. Mission Moment: Kick Off for Christmas Families by Roxanne Johnson.

**November 15th:** Stewardship Dedication Sunday and Celebration Luncheon. Text is *To Save or To Savior* from *Mark 14:3-9*. Jesus is anointed with costly perfume.

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Adult Education

2015 November & December at 9:30 AM

(All classes are in the Adult Education room unless otherwise noted)

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| November 1 | Mary and Caroline of Legal Shield. <i>Identity Theft</i>
Mary and Caroline are identity theft solution specialists. They will be conducting a workshop that will teach you how to protect you and your family against Identity Theft. |
| November 8 | Blake Collins, The Office of Young Adult Volunteers
Dodds Hall
Blake will discuss the work of Young Adult Volunteers, a program of Mission Around the World, sponsored in part by the Presbyterian Church. |
| November 15 | Kirsten Ross, <i>Literacy at the Well</i>
CCPC Mission Team has made the decision to support Literacy at the Well, a program that teaches literacy to the people of South Sudan especially the women and girls. Kris will share the background of the Lost Boys who founded the Lost Boys Rebuilding South Sudan which later became Literacy at the Well. You'll also learn about the progress of the program in Northern Bhar el Ghazal, South Sudan, and the impact it is having on the people there. |
| December 6 | Wayne Smith. <i>What was the clash between Old America and Young America?</i>
Wayne will discuss the clash between Old and New America in the early 20th century. The centerpiece of this discussion is a historical document which Wayne claims is the most intriguing piece of evidence he has seen since he saw the Magna Carta. |
| December 13 | Justin Devin. <i>Our Mission Trip to Mexico</i> |



CCPC's *Christmas Market*

The Christmas Market is Almost Here!

**November 1, 2015
from 9 AM to 1 PM in Dodd's Hall**

The Christmas Gift Market will have the following organizations: Amor; Bowie Volunteer Fire Department; CCPC Habitat for Humanity; CCPC Honduras Living Waters Project; Church World Service; Bowie CLAW; Community Crisis Response Service; Dick Arnold Photography; Heifer International; Honduras Educational Program; Literacy at the Well; Medical Benevolence Foundation; Operation Christmas Child; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; and St. Matthew's Building Corporation Alpha House.

On November 1, we will have cards, many of them hand made by Sharon McNamara and her Santa's helpers, available for the various projects. Just in case you are out of town on November 1st, we will be happy to accommodate late shoppers on November 8.

**Christmas Market will officially
close on November 8th.**

Be sure to stop by and have lunch at the Soup Kitchen where there will be soups (potato; split pea; beef vegetable; chicken noodle; curried celery, which is totally vegetarian and gluten free, cucumber; mushroom; and a curried butternut apple that is also totally vegetarian and gluten free too.) for adults and hot dogs, PB&J, and chips for kids. Proceeds will go to the St. Matthew's Building Corporation that provides transitional housing for Bowie families. Dick Arnold will be selling his wonderful pictures and note cards and donating his proceeds to the Youth Mission Trip in July 2016.

**Come join us at the
Christmas Market and
share the true
meaning of Christmas**

Merry Christmas!



Thank You!

Dear CCPC Family,

We would like to thank our many friends at CCPC for sending cards and notes to Alice Olson (Bea's Mom) on the occasion of her 100th birthday. She was very surprised and touched to be remembered by so many people from CCPC.

Bea and Thad Uehling

Thank you to everyone who helped make Trunk or Treat and our Halloween festivities such a success!

Kemi Komlan did a great job organizing a wonderful event. Special thanks to Alex Bourne, Mikaela Devine, Kathryn McCarty, Carrie Ahearn, Joi Kesner, Rebecca Coleman, Susan Mather, Joseph Hancock, Peggy Oates, and the youth of CCPC for all of your help with set up, clean up, and running games and crafts. Congratulations to Anita Pesses for winning this year's Golden Pumpkin award! Special consideration goes out to the McCarty family who took second place after a tiebreaker! There were many other helpers as well as many people who contributed their trunks and brought candy. Thank you all for your dedication to the kids of CCPC. You all made this a special and fun day for the kids!

Justin Devine

Tiger Lilies

The Tiger Lilies will meet on November 2 at 7:30 PM in the Parlor, and will finish discussing "The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart" by Peter Gomes.

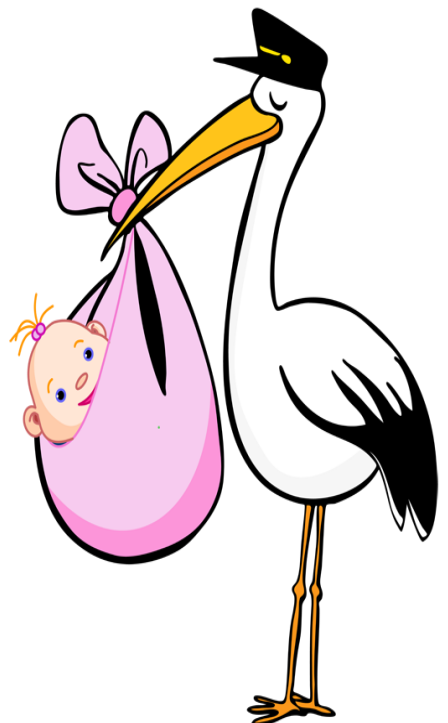
Birth

Welcome

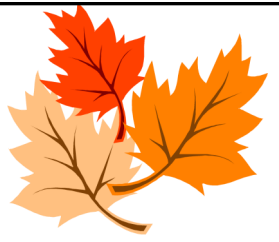
Riley Ann Moody

Riley was born on
Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 11:30 AM.
She weighed in at 6 lbs, 8 oz.
and was 18 inches long

Congratulations to proud first time parents
Michelle and Chuckie Moody!
And, congratulations to proud
first time great-grandparents
Patty and Ken Adams!



CCPC's Annual Fall Yard and Leaf Cleanup



Saturday, November 21, 2015

(weather permitting)

8:30 AM till done

A light lunch will be provided!

Tasks that need to be completed include:

Raking leaves

Trimming bushes and grasses

Please bring rakes, leaf blowers, trimming tools,
extension cords if needed, work gloves, and

a
can
do
attitude!



Youth Update

I wanted to use this month's Caller to give you a Youth update. However, I wanted to give a different kind of update. We have been doing many different things over the past few months, which includes both fun and service activities. But many of our students are also involved in things that are not church related as well. So, to keep you "in touch" with what is going on with several of our kids, I will be periodically giving you an update on our students a handful at a time.

Matthew Ahearn has been playing rec soccer with the Boys and Girls Club.

Alaina Clemence has been running cross country this fall and will also be a dancer in an upcoming performance of *The Great Gatsby*. You can get tickets at: <http://www.indiancreekschool.org/arts/upcoming-shows>

Natasha Hawkins has been focused on her new advanced placement (AP) Biology class. We have been working cell structure and membranes during Thursday tutoring. She is working hard to balance all the work while having two Other AP classes.

Rebecca Ilko will be participating in Destination Imagination again this year. Last year her team went to the National competition in Tennessee. She is also involved in the Best Buddies Program.

Victoria Ilko has started a new job at Chesapeake Grille and Deli. She is working Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. If you pay her a visit, I recommend the Crab Cake Sammy! She is also taking three AP classes.

Amanda Rogel will be performing in Mary Poppins the first two weekends of November. Show times are available through the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts. She is also involved with the Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra and will be performing their first concert on November 21. The orchestra will be touring Ireland in June of 2016. And she is first chair oboist for the Prince George's County High School Honor Band!

Wesley Shoemaker. I have gotten the Opportunity to go to 3 of Wesley's baseball games. He has been pitching for his Kenmore Middle School team and in those 3 games he was (2-0, 1 SV 0.00 ERA) including a no-hitter. Needless to say he is one of the stars of the team for sure.

Caitlyn Shoemaker is playing volleyball for the first time this season and has been enjoying her new sport and team. She is also very actively involved with the Girl Scouts.

We have many other students involved in our programs as well; look for more of these updates in the near future!

In Christ,

Justin Devine



November 1 through 15, 2015

Sunday, November 1, 2015 Worship Services with Communion at 8:30 and 10:30 AM

9:00 AM Christmas Market -- Dodds Hall

9:30 AM Christian Education: Identity Theft -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

9:30 AM Parents in the Parlor -- Parlor

11:30 AM Youth Council Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Monday, November 2, 2015

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

7:30 PM Tiger Lilies -- Parlor

Tuesday, November 3, 2015—City of Bowie Elections -- Dodds Hall

12 Noon Gadabouts -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

6:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Sanctuary

7:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting -- Parlor

7:30 PM Deacons Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom

10:30 AM Prayer/Study/Healing Group -- Doris Kobe's Home

6:30 PM Support Group for Breastfeeding Mothers and Their Children -- Parlor

7:00 PM B&G Committee Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

7:00 PM New Hope Circle -- Members' Homes

7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

7:00 PM B&G Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Thursday, November 5, 2015

10:00 AM Charity Circle -- Parlor

3:30 PM Tutoring by Justin -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

7:00 PM Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room

8:00 PM Worship Council Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Friday, November 6, 2015

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, November 7, 2015

7:30 AM Men's Book Group -- Panera Bread

Sunday, November 8, 2015 Worship Services at 8:30 (with communion) and 10:30 AM

Script Fundraiser Begins!

9:30 AM Christian Education: Young Adult Volunteers -- Dodds Hall

9:30 AM Parents in the Parlor -- Parlor

2:00 PM Martie Harris Student Piano Recital -- Sanctuary & Dodds Hall

6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor

6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Monday, November 9, 2015

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

7:30 PM Session -- Conference Room

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

10:00 AM Lady Tigers -- Parlor

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall

7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Veterans Day - CCPC Offices Closed

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall

10:30 AM Prayer/Study/Healing Group -- Doris Kobe's Home

1:00 PM Joy Circle -- Members' Homes

6:00 PM Southern Comforter's Quilt Guild -- Dodds Hall

7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

Thursday, November 12, 2015

3:30 PM Tutoring by Justin -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

7:00 PM BCNS Membership Meeting -- Dodds Hall

Friday, November 13, 2015

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, November 14, 2015

10:00 AM Elijah's Bowl -- Grace Lutheran

Sunday, November 15, 2015 Worship Services at 8:30 (with communion) and 10:30 AM

9:30 AM Christian Education: Lost Boys Update with Kris Ross

9:30 AM Parents in the Parlor -- Parlor

11:30 AM Stewardship Luncheon -- Dodds Hall

6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

November 16 through 30, 2015

Monday, November 16, 2015

10:00 AM Hope Circle -- Members' Homes
11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
1:00 PM Knits with Sticks -- Parlor
7:00 PM Sea Scout Ship 1009 (BSA) -- Dodds Hall Classroom

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

6:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall
6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack #1046 -- Dodds Hall Classroom
7:00 PM Outreach & Parish Life Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom
10:30 AM Prayer/Study/Healing Group -- Doris Kobe's Home
12 Noon 80's Bash -- Olive Garden - Bowie Town Center
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

Thursday, November 19, 2015

3:30 PM Tutoring by Justin -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
7:00 PM BSA Troop 1009 Meeting -- Dodds Hall Classroom
7:00 PM Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room

Friday, November 20, 2015

5:00 PM Youth Lock In -- Whole Church

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Youth Lock In -- Whole Church
7:30 AM Men's Book Group -- Panera Bread
9:00 AM CCPC Work Day

Sunday, November 22, 2015

8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
9:30 AM Christian Education -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
9:30 AM Parents in the Parlor -- Parlor
10:30 AM Worship Service -- Sanctuary
3:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 1046 -- Dodds Hall Classroom
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Monday, November 23, 2015

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
7:00 PM Grace and Glory Circle -- Members' Homes
7:00 PM Sea Scout Ship 1009 (BSA) -- Dodds Hall Classroom

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

10:00 AM Lady Tigers -- Parlor 6:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall
6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack #1046 -- Dodds Hall Classroom
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom
10:30 AM Prayer/Study/Healing Group -- Doris Kobe's Home
6:00 PM Southern Comforters Quilt Guild -- Dodds Hall

Thursday, November 26, 2015

Happy Thanksgiving! -- CCPC Office Closed

Friday, November 27, 2015

Day After Thanksgiving -- CCPC Office Closed

Saturday, November 28, 2015

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, November 29, 2015

Hanging of the Greens

9:30 AM Christian Education -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
9:30 AM Parents in the Parlor -- Parlor
10:30 AM Worship Service -- Sanctuary
3:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 1046 -- Dodds Hall Classroom
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Monday, November 30, 2015

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
7:00 PM Sea Scout Ship 1009 (BSA) -- Dodds Hall Classroom

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Our Mission: To worship God, to grow in faith and community, and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.



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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

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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, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail Ann@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

