

Dear CCPC Friends,

As the calendar days tick away and I see my time as your Transitional Pastor coming to a close, I find myself reflecting on our time together: Vespers Services, virtual Christmas Pageants, zoom grief counseling sessions, outdoor memorial services, Bible study, and so much more. We have made the most of these strange and difficult days, and I have felt the spirit of God leading us on.

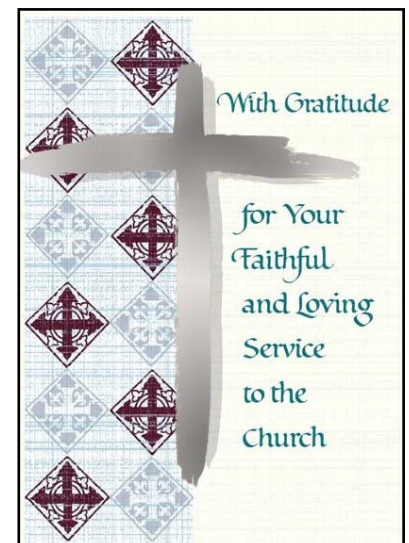
In my time with you, I have learned that the strength of a faith community knows no limits. I have seen your resilience and perseverance lived out in so many ways. I heard one member say recently that these past few years might be "the most challenging years that CCPC has ever faced." These years have included the sudden retirement and subsequent death of a much beloved pastor, the departure of a dynamic staff person, and, of course, a global pandemic that changed church life in nearly every way possible. So much grief, disruption, and shock.

And yet, God has shown up! Worship attendance is up, the Pastor Nominating Committee is moving ahead with great energy, Kim Gedrich is proving to be a fantastic new member of the staff, and many of the committees are bursting with new energy and new ideas. So many good things are happening. CCPC has not only survived these "most challenging years," but has thrived! We have come this far by faith, friends, I am confident that God will continue to guide, motivate, and inspire!

I want to send a hearty "Thank You" to the entire CCPC community — staff, elders, members, and friends. Thank you for the love, support, and understanding that you have given to me. Thank you for welcoming me so completely. Thank you for forgiving me when I made mistakes. Thank you for being open to new ideas. Thank you for being present with me in the work that I love — the work of ministry.

My time with you will shine as a highlight in my work as a pastor. You will remain close to my heart, and always in my prayers.

Peace,
Pastor Susan





A Celebration of Life

A 'Celebration of Life' for Dee McCarty will be held at CCPC on Saturday, June 4th at 1:00pm, with the Rev. Rex McDaniel officiating. All are invited to attend. There will be a time for sharing memories of Dee during the service, if you would like to do so. If you are unable to attend and would like to share some memories as well, please mail them to the church (3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715) or send an email to ccpcbowie@verizon.net and indicate "Dee" on the envelope or subject line of the email.

Memorial Day Parade!



The City of Bowie is planning to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 28, 2022 beginning at 11:00 am. The route will be the same as in previous years: beginning at the Bowie High School Annex on Belair Drive, turning right and continuing toward Sussex Lane, which will pass in front of CCPC. The street closure will last approximately 2 hours and re-open immediately following the passing of the last parade unit. **Please note that during this time, you will not be able to drive on the parade route of Belair Drive. If you have business at the church during these hours, you will need to either plan to come in early or late or park elsewhere.**

Thank you for your understanding.

Time to Clean!

In an effort to be good stewards of our church spaces, we will be cleaning and organizing the closets and rooms. If you or your groups are responsible for certain closets or storage rooms, please label them with a post-it note and have everything not wanted out of the space and in Dodds Hall by Saturday, June 11. In addition to all of the closets, we will also be cleaning out and organizing the parlor, pastor's office, and Sunday School rooms. Any items to be donated will be made available to anyone who would like them. If you would like to help make decisions about what stays, what gets donated, and what gets tossed, please stop by for one of our two clean-out days: Wednesday, June 8, from 10 to 5pm or Saturday, June 11, from 10 to 5pm. After June 11, all items that are to be discarded or donated will be in Dodds Hall until June 18. Feel free to come by and take what you want. Anything left after June 18 will be discarded or donated and no longer at the church.

CCPC's New Website!

The new website went "live" on Monday, April 25, sometime during the day!
The Home page address remains the same: <http://ccpc.bowiemd.org>. Bookmarks to pages within the old website will no longer work. Please note: the new website is still a "work in progress."
Bear that in mind as we move forward. -Marty Sippel

CCPC Key Cards!

The Building and Grounds Committee wants all door key card holders to be aware there is a cost to the Church for these cards and time to deactivate lost cards and activate replacement cards with the company so the cards work. Therefore, beginning June 1, 2022, the Building and Grounds Committee will charge individuals \$20.00 for replacement cards to cover expenses.
Please locate and keep track of the card assigned to you.

Liturgist Support!

The Worship Council continues to look for liturgist support for Sunday services. All are welcome to participate. We would love to have new folks serve as liturgical readers. Please sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4DACA928AA8-ccpc1>.
Questions, please contact Tricia Ashby at tashby@asha.org.

No Splash Zone!

As we've been implementing technology in our congregation it is important to us that we are serving all in our community. With that said we understand that there are people that do not wish to be on camera in our congregation. For that reason we are making a "no splash zone" in church for individuals who don't wish to participate in our online streaming. These areas will be identified by a small red marking on top of the pews and you can also ask one of the ushers to guide you to these sections as well.
As always, we want to remain sensitive to the needs of our congregation.

Tech Team Opportunities!

If you or anyone you know would like to join tech team we have a variety of positions available (training will be provided): Camera Operator, Camera Switcher, Director, Lighting, Online host, Slides, and Sound Engineer
For any further questions please contact Tech Elder wendell_ivy@hotmail.com

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation on Dec 9, 2021 and began work soon after the start of the new year. We have held 11 meetings thus far, trying our best to hold them weekly. Like all of you, we members of the PNC are excited about the prospect of calling a new pastor and look forward to the day when we can introduce our new pastor to you. Until that day, we will be keeping you informed of our progress. This is our first report to the congregation.

As you might surmise, the process is neither easy nor quick. After organizing ourselves, we developed a notional schedule of activities, broken down into seven distinct phases. We are into the third phase at this time, awaiting applications/resumes. The seven phases are:

1. Getting organized (assign roles, becoming a Team)
2. Telling our story (detailing what CCPC and who we are looking for)
3. Fishing for candidate (posting our job announcement and awaiting applications)
4. Interviewing candidates (prioritizing and assessing candidates)
5. Selecting candidate of choice (down-selecting, making offer, negotiate terms of call)
6. Introduction of pastor to church (to Session, to congregation, sign the Call)
7. Helping new pastor get started

Our notional schedule is a bit on the aggressive side, deliberately so, our goal being to try and secure a new pastor before the start of the new school year. But, this is all subject to discerning “the” candidate. As it stands now, though, we plan to receive applications through the end of May and start the interview process in early June.

Our denomination is of tremendous assistance with our search. Firstly, our local Presbytery has assigned to our PNC a liaison from their Committee on Ministry. He is Pastor Jay Losher, from the Colesville Presbyterian Church, Silver Spring, Maryland. Secondly, the Presbytery expedited the processing of our 13-page Ministry Information Form (i.e., our want-ad), reviewing it, approving it, and helping to get it posted on the Internet within just a few days of us completing it. And thirdly, providing us access to the PC(USA) website (Presbyterian Church (USA) Church Leadership Connection) where pastors searching can find churches looking, sort of like the jobs website of Monster.com.

As mentioned above, the activities of the PNC are a Team effort, involving the eight elected members below, Pastor Jay Losher, coordination with Session, and the vetting of candidates by the Presbytery. As the PNC Chair, I am privileged to work with this dedicated, laser-focused group of folks - - you did a great job in selecting and electing them! - Mark Pfarrer

Gladys Tataw-Ayuketah
Sara Huey
Kevin Maxwell
Mark Pfarrer

Brian Cable
Skip Oates
Jane Mellow
Emelie Rubin

Family Game Night &



Fundraiser for Sue Cobb Memorial Scholarship

Come One, Come All, to Dodds Hall on Friday, May 6 at 6PM!

CCPC's Presbyterian Women of the Church (PWOC), Children and Youth Ministries, and Parish Life & Outreach (PLOT) committees invite you to bring your family and friends, your favorite game, and a donation to benefit the Sue Cobb Memorial Scholarship!

In return, you get fellowship, fun and snacks, and the scholarship balance will get a boost!

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Checks may be payable to "CCPC PW".

VBS



I've got some **GOOD NEWS** for you!

On The Case

We are just a few weeks away from our summer VBS! Growing Spiritually doesn't have to be an unsolved mystery! Take a 4-day journey with kid detectives as they dig into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith, how to care for, serve, and love others! They'll discover that the answers have been there all along!

We will be posting links to register on the church website in the coming weeks. ccpc.bowiemd.org

Ages: 4 years old (must be potty trained) to 6th grade.

Dates: Tues, June 21- Fri, June 24

(You must be registered)

Time: 5-8PM (Doors will open at 4:30 for check-in)

Questions, contact Kimberly at ccpcyouth@verizon.net

We can't wait to see you soon!

Adult Education



MAY ADULT EDUCATION

Drawing from Scripture

5/1/22: *Visual Artists in Our Congregation (Part 1):* Quilting with Karen Todd and Pat Ashby

5/8/22: *Visual Artists in Our Congregation (Part 2):* Glasswork with Sharon Mabe and
Knitting with Priscilla Bouic

5/15/22: *Religion in Art* with Amy Littlefield

5/22/22: *12-Step Recovery and Christianity* with guest speakers

5/29/22: NO ADULT ED, Happy Memorial Day!

JUNE ADULT EDUCATION

Being a Disciple (real world, real faith)

6/5/22: *Dealing with Awkward Silence* with Shani McIlwain of the National Capital Presbytery

6/12/22: *Missionaries in Malawi* with Luta & Jeremy Garbat-Welch

6/19/22: NO ADULT ED, Happy Summer!

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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.*

Please remember CCPC in your will.



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 info@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

