

## Pastor's Corner

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# The Caller

News From Christian Community Presbyterian Church

How would you sum up your religious beliefs in 10 words or less? Of its 250 million users worldwide, social networking giant Facebook

reports that 150 million have chosen to write something in their religious views box of their personal profile. Although many answers are goofy, many struggle to capture their faith in meaningful ways. How do you summarize your faith in so few words? The best one I saw was: "Love God, Love others, Change the World." Almost sounds like a church mission statement.

Since the article about Facebook's religion question appeared in the *Post* on August 30<sup>th</sup> I have been looking at several profiles. Most have been brief. Protestant. Progressive Evangelical. Socially progressive Christian. I saw one that reminded me of watching nationally-televised football games in the 1970's: John 3:16. I have been encouraged to see that most people affirm that they are Christian. I did find it alarming that the Facebook provided summary of most popular listings had Christian first, Islam second and atheist third. Since Facebook users tend to be much younger than the overall population, you might expect that many privately religious young adults would avoid identifying themselves by their traditional sects. Being spiritual but not religious is safer.

Can Facebook help connect people to other believers and eventually lead them towards Christ? Hard to say. Before I got "un-friended," I enjoyed reading my daughter's Holy Week discussion on her page last April. In discussing theories of the Atonement, she questioned the contemporary relevance of substitutionary atonement (i.e. Jesus was brutally crucified in order for us to be reconciled to God). I was pleased to see the sincere responses from several of her "friends," many of whom seem to have been discussing the importance of the Passion for the first time. Like all evangelists we are just supposed to share good news—it is up to God to change hearts.

*Your "friend" in Christ, James Brassard*

## Worship Notes

**Worship for October 18<sup>th</sup> —9:30 and 11 AM**

*29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Gary Cox is Preaching*

## Memorial Service for Harvey Cable

Harvey Cable died peacefully on Sunday morning surrounded by his family. The Memorial Service will be held on Friday, October 16, 2009 at 11 AM, followed by a luncheon hosted by the Board of Deacons.



## ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

BOO! It is that time of year and we need YOUR help! Last year we had close to 100 children show up for fun and games during CCPC's Trunk or Treat celebration. This year we are making a few changes and adding a theme. It is sure to be fun for all!

**Trunk or Treat will take place on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00.**

We are in need of donations of cakes, cupcakes, cookies and other similar sweet treats for our cake walk. If you can and would like to donate please let me know! We are also asking for help at the various game tables. You can send an email to [ccpckids@verizon.net](mailto:ccpckids@verizon.net) or you can sign up at church this Sunday. We can use all the help we can get! **Thank you! Marilee Neff**



## New Adult Education Course Offerings October 18 thru November 18 in the Conference Room

### **Showers of Blessing with Ann Evankovich at 9:30**

Our whole lives, we humans long for a sense of belonging, the approval of our family, and the assurance of unconditional love. Our lives are deeply affected by our opportunity and ability to bestow and receive these blessings. In this class, we will read biblical accounts of blessings and identify the elements of blessing that can enhance all of our relationships.

Key Text: *The Gift of the Blessing* by Gary Smalley and John Trent

### **Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation with Steve Webb at 11:00**

With the use of the PBS *Martin Luther* video we will explore the life of Martin Luther and the 16th century Protestant Reformation. Other videos will be used to show dramatic incidents in Luther's life. Class discussions will revolve around the concepts of "the priesthood of all believers," justification by faith alone, authority of the Bible, and how Reformation concepts are affecting our faith today.

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## Events at CCPC ...

### ***Brundibar, An Operetta*—Friday, October 23rd at 7:30 PM & Sunday, October 25th at 2 PM—**

The Children's Theatre of Annapolis is presenting *Brundibar, An Operetta*, on October 23 at 7:30 p.m., October 24 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and October 25 at 2:00 p.m.

The enduring children's opera is about Little Joe and his sister Annette, who are joined by a cat, a sparrow and a dog, to outwit the town bully, Brundibar the organ grinder. This tale of friendship and hope was performed as Nazi propaganda by children in the Terezin concentration camp 55 times to packed houses for Terezin prisoners and others, including the International Red Cross. Ela Weissberger lived in Terezin for three and a half years and is the only survivor to have acted in every performance of this operetta at Terezin. This is a rare chance to hear Mrs. Weissberger talk about her experience and hear the poetry written by the children at Terezin. **Lexie Evankovich** and **Kyra Siegler** are in this production. The tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth under 12 and seniors. The theater is located at 1661 Bay Head Road, Bay Head Park in Annapolis. Contact them at 410-757-2281 or visit [childrenstheatreofannapolis.org](http://childrenstheatreofannapolis.org).

### **Christmas Gift Market**

**Sunday, November 8th, 10:30 AM—1:30 PM**

Give heartfelt gifts to your family and friends at CCPC's Christmas Gift Market. *Help transform poverty into prosperity, hunger into plenty, and sickness into health.*

### **Recognition of Norma Lou McAbee's Contributions**

Congratulations to Norma Lou McAbee who was honored on October 4th by the Adlerian Psychological Association of Maryland for her seminal work in developing Adlerian Art Therapy and her other contributions to local and international Adlerian groups. Norma Lou taught art therapy at Bowie State University for many years and was a presenter at multiple Adlerian conferences. After a number of persons spoke of her influence, those attending had the opportunity to experience one of her art therapy techniques.

**Aerial Photo**—The photo on the back of our new directory was taken by Scott Bauer, son of Jean Bauer. If you would like to obtain a copy, you can contact Scott at [scott@tigeraerials.com](mailto:scott@tigeraerials.com)

**Directory Correction**—Lorraine Donoian was incorrectly identified in the photo section of the directory as Jean Gordon. Directories distributed after Sunday, October 4 have been corrected.

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## OFFICE HOURS

### Office Hours:

Please note of the following staff hours.

#### **Secretary/Admin Assistant office hours:**

##### **\*Out - Tuesday & Thursday**

\*(volunteers and staff will cover the desk and phones)

In - Monday (9 AM-4:30 PM)

In - Wednesday (9 AM-4:30 PM)

In - Friday (9 AM to 3 or 4 PM, depending on the work load)

**Margaret Hallau**, our **Pastoral Assistant for Outreach and Care** can be reached at the church by phone (301-262-6008) or by email at [ccpcpa@verizon.net](mailto:ccpcpa@verizon.net).

#### **Pastoral office hours:**

Monday (10:00 AM-3:00 PM)

Tuesday (10:00 AM-4:00 PM)

Out - Wednesday

Thursday (12:00 PM-4:00 PM)

Friday mornings vary, depending on staff meetings and other needs.

**Marilee Neff**, our **Coordinator of Children's Ministry** can be reached by email at [ccpckids@verizon.net](mailto:ccpckids@verizon.net), or you may leave a message for Marilee at the church.

**October 25th — CCPC's Annual  
Trunk or Treat Halloween Party.  
3-5 p.m.**

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.*

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