

PNC Congregational Report

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation in December 2021 and began work soon after the start of the new year. We have held 16 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 momentous day when we can introduce our new pastor to you. Until then, we will be keeping you informed of our progress. This is our second report to the congregation.

As you might recall from our last article, 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 now well into the fourth phase (shown in bold below), prioritizing and assessing candidates. 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, we received 59 applications through the end of May. We are now prioritizing those candidates and plan to start interviewing the most promising ones in early June.

Our denomination continues to be of tremendous assistance with our search. Our local Presbytery is the National Capital Presbytery, and its General Presbyter the Reverend John Molina-Moore attended one of our recent PNC meetings. Also, the Presbytery assigned us a PNC liaison from their Committee on Ministry. He is Pastor Jay Losher, from the Colesville Presbyterian Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, a frequent attendee to our meetings. And the Presbytery has been providing us access to the PC(USA) website (Presbyterian Church (USA) Church Leadership Connection) where pastors searching can find churches looking. The vast majority of our applicants are from that PC(USA) website.

Your PNC has also taken steps to advertise our search efforts more broadly. Not only are we highlighted on the PC(USA) website, but we are also prominent on our Presbytery’s website, as well as on CCPC’s revamped website. Additionally, we posted our job listing on the websites of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus and that of More Light Presbyterians.

Serving you, we remain your dedicated search committee: Gladys Tataw-Ayuketah; Brian Cable; Sara Huey; Skip Oates; Kevin Maxwell; Jane Mellow; Mark Pfarrer; Emelie Rubin.



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.

A Message from Pastor Susan Graceson

Dear Elders, Deacons, Members, Staff, and Friends of CCPC,

Thank you so much for the wonderful ice cream send-off last Sunday!
It was a lovely way to end our time together.

Thank you also for all of the cards, gifts, hugs, and prayers. I cherish them as I cherish the work and worship that we did together. CCPC will always have a special place in my heart. I know that God has amazing things in store for this faith family. I count myself blessed to have been part of it.

Peace and love, Pastor Susan

A Message from Rick Snyder

I recently wrote a book entitled, "Making the Intercultural Journey: How the Local Church Can Help Heal Cultural Divides."

Susan and your Worship Committee have graciously invited me to preach on June 19th and to have copies of the book available. I'm offering the book and an earlier book on The Apostles' Creed on a donation basis. Feel free to pay anything or nothing at all. But all the proceeds will go to support PCUSA Mission CoWorkers, Bob and Christi Rice, who serve in one of the most challenging countries in the world - South Sudan. Bob and Christi offer ministries of teaching, evangelism and reconciliation in this nation torn by war. Their ministry vividly illustrates the theme of the book. Read more about their ministry below. Thank you.



Bob and Kristi Rice are PCUSA mission co-workers in South Sudan. Formerly they served in the Democratic Republic of the Congo working in Christian Education and evangelism, and assisting in reconciliation, care for vulnerable children, and helping community development initiatives seeking to lift up the poor.

In South Sudan. Bob is on the faculty of Nile Theological College (NTC) teaching courses in Theology, Church History, and Discipleship. His passion is to empower and equip emerging church leaders and to instruct them in a manner which is contextually relevant and helpful. Kristi serves as an economic and development advisor for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. She supports the healing and reconciliation ministry of the church and the equipping of congregations to improve health and wellbeing in their communities. They live in Juba, the capital city.



We are just a couple of 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!



Congregational Meeting

Please join us after the worship service on June 19, where members will vote on the incoming elders and deacons.

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.



Memorial Brick Ceremony

Brick Order Deadline

The Ceremony will be held at
12 Noon on Sunday, October 30, 2022



The deadline for brick orders is by Thursday, June 30th (Please note this is a strict deadline as time is needed for the orders to be processed, the bricks to be made, shipped, and laid in the pathway.)

Bricks are \$50.00 each. The order forms are in the church office.

For more information, please contact Robin in the church office by calling 301-262-6008 or send her an email at ccpcbowie@verizon.net

Women's Sunday

Come One Come All to Women's Sunday June 12th. We will be honoring our graduating Senior and awarding the Sue Cobb Scholarship. We will also be presenting the Honorary Life Membership to this year's Women of the Year. There will be a reception after church and all invited. Yes kids, a gift at children's sermon and cupcakes after church.



CCPC Fundraising Auction

In light of the recent tragedy of what happened in that Texas school, it is all the more meaningful to look for things we can do to help our children. Here is one of them - Sharon Mabe offered to give 100% of the proceeds from this beautiful glass piece to the Sue Cobb memorial scholarship fund. We have a starting bid of \$100! Please see the CCPC Facebook Page for Auction Updates or contact Mary Brock (phone 301-943-2498, email tillysgirl@me.com) with your bid & chance to enjoy this stained-glass artwork in your own home, as well as contribute to a good cause.



CCPC at BowieFest!

CCPC will have a booth at this year's BowieFest on Saturday, June 4th. We will be setting up at 9:30 and we are required to keep our booth up until 6:00pm. Come by and say hello if you are at the festival at Allen Pond Park, and help us get the word out about our church. If you are able to help staff the booth or assist with set-up or clean-up, please contact Ann Fleming.

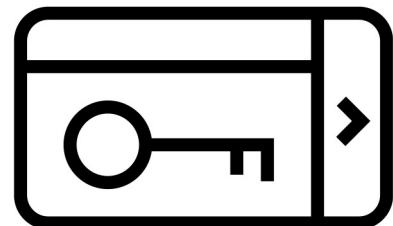


Worship Circle

Join us on Saturday, June 4 at 7pm for an evening of familiar and unfamiliar songs as we sing in corporate worship. Bring your hearts and your voices as we lift our praise and make God's name famous. See you there!

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 \$10.00 for replacement cards to cover expenses. Please locate and keep track of the card assigned to you.



Handbells! Handbells! Handbells!



Our handbell choirs have come roaring back this spring!

Clinquant, our adult handbell choir, had a very successful season and is looking forward to reconvening in September after taking a break for the summer. We are excited to have two more members joining us in the fall! A number of new pieces have been ordered and we look forward to sharing them with you in the near future!

After a two year hiatus, our Children's handbell choir began rehearsing again in April. We rang the Sunday after Easter and will perform again on Sunday, June 26th before taking a break for the summer. At present, we have nine ringers and are looking for a few more members to join us in the fall. If you know a child who might be interested, please speak with Rick.

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 be cleaning out and organizing the parlor, pastor's office, and Sunday School rooms. Any items 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
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.

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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.

