

As we move into this season of lent, a time when we refocus our connections on God, you are invited to connect too with your church family, because it is through this community of people that we have been called to serve God. Invite one another into your homes, and into your prayers. Invite friends who have drifted away, back into the pews. Invite Jesus to meet you wherever you find yourself this season and move you into deeper believing.

### A Prayer for Our Lenten Season Together

May we journey with softness. With openness. May we offer grace and generosity towards one another. May we listen for the Spirit stirring in our midst. May we learn to heal the wounds we have garnered over these years of instability, grief, farewells and trauma. May we find our flavor by gathering up all the salt that feels disregarded and allow it to shine with the light of God's love. May we stich our stories together, as a beautiful patchwork quilt, recognizing the healing found in being seen for our whole selves. May we practice laying down our fragile fig leaf garments we hide behind, stitched with blame and shame that act like armor against feeling any pain. May we learn the bravery it takes to be accountable for our actions. May we learn to talk to people, and not about people. May we gather again with joy, connecting with one another. May we share the good news of eternal life. May we learn to share what we know. May we learn to sing from our souls.

~ Rev. Dr. Kori Phillips McMurtry

# Staff Meetings

The staff will be meeting in person in the Adult Ed Conference room every Wednesday at 10:30am. Meetings usually last about an hour. Thank you for your understanding while we are unavailable at this time.

### Memorial Service for Don Salsbury February 9, 1933 — February 16, 2023



It is with sadness that we share the news of Don Salsbury's death. Don and his wife, Miriam, are long-time members of the church. They joined CCPC in March 1967. Don was very active in the church. He served as an Elder, was a member of the coffee team and Paper Tigers as well as being a lead usher. He was always available to help out wherever he could. Don had a warm soul, an easygoing nature, and was quick to laugh. He will be truly missed. Please keep Miriam and the Salsbury family and friends in your prayers. In lieu of flowers the family requested donations be made to CCPC.

We will celebrate Don's life on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 11am in the Sanctuary. Following the service, we will gather in Dodds Hall for a memorial luncheon.

### **Adult Education**

Adult Education classes are on Sundays after worship. Join us in person at the church or on Zoom: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83808300041</u> Meeting ID: 838 0830 0041

#### March: Moving Mountains in Mission

3/5/23: No Adult Ed – Annual Congregational Meeting 3/12/23: No Adult Ed - Women's Retreat 3/19/23: Paula Hays, Religions of the World 3/26/23: Sami Moahid, Life of an Afghan Refugee

Would you like to lead an Adult Education class? Have questions about our Adult Education classes? Contact Karin Rice

New Member Classes

March 19, 26, and April 2 at 11:15am in the Adult Ed Conference room

# Lenten Trayer Challenge

#### Welcome to the season of Lent!

As Christians we prepare ourselves individually – but we don't have to do it alone. Let's come together as a community, as a family. Individually we are great, but as a community reading and praying together, we are mighty.

Click the weekly theme for list of daily prayers	
Week	Theme and Prayers
#1 (Feb 22-25)	Dust
#2 (Feb 26-Mar 4)	<b>Bread</b>
#3 (Mar 5-11)	Cross
#4 (Mar 12-18)	Coins
#5 (Mar 19-25)	Shoes
#6 (Mar 26-Apr 1)	Oil
Holy Week (Apr 2-8)	Coats, Towels &
Easter Sunday (April 9)	Stones

### Daily Lectionary Readings

A reading of the daily lectionary followed by prayers is available on our website or Facebook for members each day except Sunday at 7:15am. We will be reading special devotionals written by Rev. Jill Duffield during Lent (2/22 -- 4/6)

# Holy Week



Palm Sunday Sunday, April 2 at 10am

Maundy Thursday April 6 from 5 to 6:30pm Soup Supper followed by Worship with Communion

> **Good Friday** April 7 at 4pm Youth Good Friday Event 5pm to 8pm

#### Easter Worship Service Sunday, April 9 at 10am with Blossoming the Cross before worship & Easter Egg Hunt after worship New members joining!

Come out, participate, take pictures while blossoming the cross on Easter Sunday! Flowers will be available or bring your own. Sunday School age children will receive an Easter goodie bag.

Invite a friend or member who you haven't seen in church for a while

### Annual Reports Are Available

The annual report for 2022 is on the shelf in the alcove of the narthex. If you would like a digital copy, please contact Robin in the church office and she will be happy to send you one.

# All Coffee Drinkers

The Parish Life/Outreach Team (PLOT) is in need of persons to serve as back-up coffee hosts on an occasional basis. Having back-up hosts will ensure that coffee and snacks are available following worship when the current coffee host is unable to attend. (There is no cost to you - PLOT provides all the supplies.) Please help if you can. Any questions, please contact Shirley Cooke.

### DEI Movie Night & Discussion

Join us in the Senior High room on April 1 at 7pm to watch *Crip Camp*.Snacks will be provided! **\*Rated R for Sexual references and some language** 

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### Children & Youth Events!



#### **Board Game Night**

Friday, March 17th 5:30 to 7pm

We will have some snacks and board games to play! Kids can bring their favorite board game or try any we have set up! Parents welcome to stay or drop off, and as always, kids are welcome to bring along some friends for the fun!

#### **Glow Easter Egg Hunt**

April 7 from 5 to 8pm in Dodd's Hall – Must RSVP

Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade & up. Individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunts, can be donated in the designated bin in the atrium by Friday, April 7.

#### Lenten Challenge — Ice Cream Celebration

The Children & Youth have worked hard on their Lenten challenge, so let's celebrate with a scoop or two (or 3) of ice cream! On Sunday, April 16, during Sunday School make your Sundaes and take them to class to enjoy together

#### Little Koalas Music Fun

#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 9 to 9:30am in Dodds Hall Starting April 18

Grab your little koalas (0-5 years) to spend some music time together. Make New Friends! Dance and Play to Music! Email <u>ccpcyouth@verizon.net</u>, to be added to Koala Music info email.





### **Concert** Series

Sundays at 4:00 pm Live in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed at https://ccpcbowie.online.church

March 5: "March on Washington"

Actress Gwendolyn Briley-Strand returns to CCPC using stories, historical photographs and song to bring to life this significant period in American Civil Rights history. Question and answer session will follow.

April 2:"Diz &Izzy Aster, Vaudeville's Late Bloomers"

Clowns Sabrina Mandell and Mark Jaster return with a comedic presentation guaranteed to charm and delight audiences of all ages.

\_A free will offering will be received and a reception will follow For further information, please call 301-262-6008 or email: ccpcmusic@verizon.net

# Contemporary Music Coaching Session

We will gather together following worship on **Sunday, March 19th**, with our substitute contemporary musician to imagine and explore what the future of contemporary music at CCPC might look like. Anyone interested in listening to, singing, or accompanying contemporary Christian music is encourage to attend!

# Multiple Handbell Choirs on March 19th

Clinquant, our adult bell choir, and Carillon, our children's bell choir, will once again join forces during worship! The Prelude, Offertory, Special Music and Anthem accompaniment will be provided by our bell choirs. Don't miss it!

# "Noah" Fageant is Coming Again

On Sunday morning, **April 23rd**, our children and youth will present the story of Noah through music, narration, pantomime, and staging! This event is designed to include children of visiting families as well! Stay tuned for more information!

#### CALLING ALL STUFFED ANIMALS

We are looking to borrow any stuffed animals to fill Noah's Ark in the atrium for the upcoming performance of *NO-AH*! Please bring your animals by Sunday April 2 (have them labeled to take them home after *Noah*).

# Belair Cooperative Nursery School



Belair Cooperative Nursery School is a cooperative preschool program where families become actively involved in their child's education. We have spaces for 3, 4, & 5 year olds. Visit us next door and let us know you're from CCPC and we will waive our registration fee!

### **Christian Community Presbyterian 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 <u>info@belaircoop.org</u>



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 <u>www.ImagineThePlace.com</u>, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail <u>info@ImagineThePlace.com</u>. Scholarships available.