

There is a newness about fall in our culture. Even as the flowers die and the land makes itself ready for its winter rest, we tend to associate fall with new beginnings. New school class, new seasons for sports, and as a church family we have a fresh start as well. We begin our Christian education and formation opportunities for all ages, we welcome new ordained leadership, and new committee chairpersons begin a season of service in new ways. When I look around our church on Sundays, I see a growing church—a church alive with activity, friendships, visitors, and new members making connections, praying, singing, and serving God.

I see new ministries as well. The Deacons are leading us in connecting, through the potluck on September 10th and gathering clusters together throughout the year. DEI and Mission continue to move us toward living more deeply into our call to love our neighbor, exploring new partnerships with PFLAG and Interwoven Congregations, finding new ways to expand old partnerships with CCSI, Hudson House, and supporting children through Christmas angels. Our buildings and grounds team is ever busy with caring and tending to this beautiful building that aids us in our ministry, as our steadfast finance team ensures that we are good stewards of what we have been given. The Children and Youth pervade our community with vibrant energy, helping hands, fresh ideas, and faith-filled questions, as we seek to meet their needs in an ever-changing landscape of what it means to be a young person today. Our devoted parish life team works diligently to support our fellowship time with hospitality and openness. Worship and Tech teams, choir and bell choir are continually helping us lift all of this up to God in thanksgiving and praise. I am particularly excited about the children's singing choir that will begin in October and look forward to seeing and hearing my little one begin to learn the music of our faith.

This season, I pray we fall into fruitful rhythms together as we continue to grow in faith, generously serve, and cultivate this community of faith in the name of Jesus Christ. Consider joining us this month as we begin a new worship series—Jesus the Storyteller: Parables in the Gospel of Matthew. See you in the pews!

Peace,
Pastor Kori



Adult Education

September 2023

Sharing God's Blessings

September 10–NO ADULT ED: Welcome Back Pot Luck Luncheon

September 17–*Blessed are the Peacemakers* with Karin Rice

September 24–*James Webb Space Telescope: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God!* with Dennis Evans

Ally Training

National Capital Presbytery is again partnering with the organization *Service Never Sleeps* to offer a free-on-Zoom, 2-day training on

Monday & Tuesday, October 2 & 3 from 5:30 - 9:00pm

This workshop teaches individuals about the causes of social injustice, how to be effective allies for marginalized communities, and how to actively influence and educate others. For more information and to register for the zoom link, visit <https://thepresbytery.org/events/ally-training-october-2023/>.

For more information, ask Mary Brock or Kris Ross.

All-Church Potluck

Join us after worship this Sunday, September 10 in Dodds Hall to share a meal as we kick off the new church season. You will have a chance to meet your deacon and find your cluster. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Hope to see you there!

Buildings and Grounds Fundraiser

The Funding drive to support B&G's mission to the church was a great success. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. The Fundraiser Contributions total came to \$19,215.

Clusters Connect with Pastor Kori

In the fall, Pastor Kori will have a monthly meet and greet with a deacon and their cluster after worship service. Meetings will last about 30-minutes and will be in the Adult Ed Conference room. Here is the current schedule:

Cluster 4 w/deacon Ann Fleming = October 15

Clusters 6 and 11 w/deacons Julia Leaman and Carrie Ahearn = November 12

Clusters 7 and 8 w/deacons Judyann Glazener and Peggy Oates = December 10

Clusters 2 and 5 w/deacons Rachel Oben and Betsy McArdle = January 14, 2024

Cluster 10 w/deacon Carole Brady = March 3, 2024

Cluster 1 w/Paula Hays = April 21, 2024

Clusters 3 and 9 w/Nancy Honeyford and Sue Evans = May 5, 2024

DEI Resource Library

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is starting to collect pamphlets/booklets for a Resource Library so people in the church building can access these materials for free. We are working out the details of the plan as it progresses. Please email Kristen.zacheis@gmail.com with questions and to discuss which items you are considering donating.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Buy the card for \$26, then with the card go to Krispy Kreme, buy any 1 dozen donuts and you will receive 1 dozen original glazed donuts free! The card is good to use 10 times and doesn't expire! Get yours now before they run out! The funds will be used for the Children and Youth Ministries. Great for: Sports Teams, Circle Meetings, Birthday parties, Hungry families, Anything event you can think of!
See Kim Gedrich to purchase (cash or check made to CCPC).

Looking for Liturgists

The CCPC worship council is looking for liturgists. Please click the [link](#) and sign up to volunteer. We would love to have new volunteers who are willing to participate in our worship. All are welcome to participate – new and experienced volunteers. Please contact Tricia Scabis at tashby@asha.org if you have questions or challenges.

Memorial Garden & Walkway

We're looking for someone(s) to be trained this fall in the Memorial Walkway installation process. We're also looking for a team of gardeners to begin tending the garden ASAP! Interested? Contact the church office at 301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net.

Office Coverage

Our office administrator will be on vacation starting Thursday, October 12 and will return on Thursday, October 26. We are looking for folks to cover the office for a few hours each day. If you are interested, please contact Robin in the church office at 301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net.

New Member Classes

September 17 from 11:15am to 12 noon in the Adult Education Conference Room

September 24 from 11:15am to 12 noon in the Adult Education Conference Room

October 1 from 9am to 9:30am — Meet with Session in the Adult Education Conference Room and join during the 10am Worship service that day.

PFLAG-Bowie Chapter

PFLAG is a non-profit organization that has been around since the 1970s to provide support and education to the parents, family, friends and allies of LGBTQ+ people. In our efforts to live out our call to be a welcoming and affirming congregation, we are sponsoring a chapter in Bowie by making meeting space available. Several of our church members are involved in the leadership. We are starting with a support group for parents, families, friends and allies on 9/28 at 7:30-8:30pm in the Parlor room of CCPC. It will occur on the 4th Thursday of each month and is open to anyone, not just within Bowie.

For more information or how to provide support, contact info@pflagbowie.org.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is on October 1, 2023. In efforts to reflect the diversity and connection of Christians around the world, our worship team will fill the communion table on that day with types of bread from around the world. If there is a particular bread you would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Mary Brock at tillysgirl@me.com.

Mid-Year 2023 Pledge Status

As the summer draws to a close and our thoughts shift to back-to-school and the long Labor Day weekend, the Finance Committee is taking this opportunity to thank you for your generous giving during 2023 and asks you to review your 2023 giving to CCPC. At the beginning of the year 60 persons or families pledged to give a total of \$264,220 during 2023. While this was an increase from 2022, it was still below pre-pandemic commitments and not enough to forestall forcing CCPC to dip into the finite endowment funds. All pledged contributions, and contributions not designated to other specific uses or funds, are credited to the CCPC general operations fund. The CCPC general operations fund pays for salaries, utilities, supplies, and general church operations.

The pledged collections for 2023 totaled \$143,168 as of August 1, 2023. This is 81% of the prorated total 2023 pledge as of August 1. We are most grateful for an additional \$82,221 collected through August 1, 2023 for general church operations from persons or families who chose to not pledge for 2023. We are also thankful for those of you who accepted Evonne Tang's challenge to give another \$9.99 more per month. If the current giving patterns continue the deficit in meeting the annual pledge contribution goal could total as much as \$55,000 by the end of the year. The status of pledged giving, normalized as of August 1, 2023, is shown in the table below.

Pledge Status	Percent of Pledges
Given their full annual pledge or are within one month or less of their 2023 cumulative pledge	57%
Giving has fallen more than a month behind the 2023 cumulative pledge	35%
There has been no giving for calendar 2023 toward the annual pledge	8%
Total	100%

The Finance Committee urges you to consider paying your CCPC pledge using automatic payment either through your bank or through the CCPC online payment vendor Vanco. Another alternative for those who are collecting Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) is to defer part of their RMD to a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to fund all or part of your annual pledge.

We recommend speaking with your financial and tax advisors before doing a QCD. The Finance Committee can provide you a mid-year contribution summary upon your request. If you desire a mid-year contribution summary speak to Bill Radden-Lesage (301-996-5871) or email ccpconline@aol.com.

Concert Series

First Sundays at 4pm



October 1: Rick Osborne, organist

Mr. Osborne will present compositions from the Romantic period including works by Brahms, Elgar, Franck, Mahler and Mendelssohn.

November 5: Tage on Steel

The Steel band has performed throughout the Washington DC Metropolitan Area and in Delaware, Virginia Beach, North Carolina, Ontario and Jamaica.

The program will include renditions of gospel favorites.

December 3: A Celtic Christmas

The members of Celtic Bay and harpist Abbie Palmer will present seasonal music from the British Isles on the Great Highland pipes, small Scottish pipes, Celtic harp, guitar and Irish whistle. Audience participation in the singing of carols will be included.

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

Children's Sunday School Choir

**On Sunday, October 15,
a New Ministry Begins!**

Children ages 4+ will meet with our Director of Music from 11:30 – 11:45am in the Children's Worship Center to learn very basic choral singing skills, singing songs about God. The choir will meet on Sundays alternating weeks with Sunday School classes. As the choir develops, they will have the opportunity to sing during occasional worship service. Interested?

Email Rick Osborne at
ccpcmusic@verizon.net.



Children's Optional Activity

In order to make our church more welcoming and friendly toward young families, consider volunteering to lead Optional Activity during services (after Children's Message through the Sermon). You can sing songs, do crafts, read a storybook, teach a simple lesson, or play games to keep our littlest community members engaged during the sermon moment. Contact Kim Gedrich to pick any dates you'd like to sign up for. (All volunteers must be able to pass a background check)

Children & Youth Craft Fair

September 30 and October 1 in Dodds Hall from 11am to 1pm

Support the children and youth program! Craft up whatever you like (no reselling of items you no longer want/need, must be crafted) to sell. You decide how much of your profit you donate. Contact Kim Gedrich for signup and questions.

Children & Youth Camp Fire

Join us for a smore's camp fire night on Saturday, September 16 at 5pm in the back parking lot of the church.

Children & Youth Sunday School

We will be back next Sunday, September 17!

Cradle Roll: While the big kids have fun in Sunday School, our youngest members can enjoy songs and play time!

Ages 0-3 from 11:30-12:15 in the Nursery. See Emelie Rubin for dates and details.

Elementary Sunday School: Each Sunday from 11:30am to 12:15pm.

Sunday Morning Connect (SMC): Sundays at 11:30am, in person in the Senior High room and online at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82288338146> ID: 822 8833 8146

Children & Youth Volunteer Training Day

September 23 in Fredrick MD 9a-12p.

If you're a current C&Y Volunteer or interested in becoming one, join us for training day where we will learn tools and tricks of the trade! RSVP to Kim Gedrich ASAP.

Job Opportunity

Audio/Visual Technician Position

Christian Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC) in Bowie, MD, is a growing 200 member congregation seeking to strengthen its worship service through the use of audio/visual arts and live-streaming technology. We are actively searching for an Audio/Visual Technician to provide audio and visual support for church services and events.

This position is approximately 3-4 hours each Sunday and as needed for special events, paid at \$30 per hour.

For a full job description and additional information about our church family, please visit our website at ccpc.bowiemd.org.

If you are interested in applying, please provide your resume to: ccpcbowie@verizon.net.

Posting open until position is filled.

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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.

Contact the Financial Secretary at ccpcbowie@verizon.net



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 bcnsboard@gmail.com

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