

A New Day

Do you know who Kathryn Joosten was? She was an actress that started her career on the sitcom *Scrubs* as the dying patient of the protagonist John Dorian, and she won an Emmy as the crusty neighbor in *Desperate Housewives*. But, the most interesting thing about Kathryn Joosten is that she did not begin acting until she was 42 years old.

She began her working career as a nurse, but gave it up when she got married. Sadly, her marriage ended in divorce after about ten years. Kathryn needed to support her children, so she began acting at the age of 42. She started off with bit parts and supplemented her income by painting and wallpapering houses to make ends meet.

At the tender age of 53, Kathryn Joosten was hired as a street performer at Disneyland. Three years later she decided to move to Hollywood. It took 7 years until, at age 60, she gained national fame on the tv series, *West Wing*, as the secretary to the Democratic President played by Martin Sheen. After her *West Wing* character died in a car crash, she joined the cast of *Desperate Housewives*, and won an Emmy for her role at the age of 66.

Kathryn Joosten has an interesting story, but what I find most interesting is the way she reinvented herself and remained motivated and adaptable. I think it is a lesson that each of us at CCPC might keep in mind. Perhaps coming off the pandemic that caused many of us to reinvent parts of our lives could help us as we look ahead with a new pastor to respond to God's call. CCPC needs to explore and discuss: How are we going to go forward with the message and mission of Jesus Christ in a time and place that is different than 10, 20, 30 years ago, even 1 year ago? What things change, and what things stay the same?

I know that change is a scary word and a scary process. But, a new pastor is in herself a change, just as I was. However, I think that Pastor Kori will not jump into full scale change right now. I think she will get to know you first and do a lot of listening and discussion before she invites the church into some new ways of responding to God's call for a new day and a new generation. Take the time to get to know her, and let her get to know you. Support her as she is in a new place in every way imaginable. Put in the time with her in discussion, be flexible and follow her lead, and I think, the payoff for all will be an even more vital and vibrant CCPC.

I am honored to have been your Gap Pastor and have enjoyed so much getting to know you and serving with you. I know that with Pastor Kori you will be in good hands, and remember, God has a plan for your life and our life together, and it is a good one.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Caroline



In Memory of Sarah Hyde



9/14/1923 – 12/12/2022

Sarah Hyde was a long-time member of CCPC. She and her husband, Fred, joined the church in December 1963. Sarah was very active throughout her years at CCPC. She was a role model for many of the younger women of the church and attended many events like the women's retreat. Her funny stories will be remembered by many. Sarah was well loved and will be truly missed by her CCPC family.

Please keep Sarah's family and friends in your prayers.

A Message to Our Members

Dear CCPC members,

Congratulations for outdoing ourselves this year! We now are at 58 Faith Expressions (pledges) that total \$260,420 for calendar 2023. Thank you for generous support, especially throughout the pandemic. The past few years may have been tough for many reasons, but your steadfast love for God's church — our beloved CCPC — shines through. As I write this note to you, I remember the sermon of our incoming Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kori Phillips McMurtry, "Don't be afraid to hold onto hope!" I am hopeful that more pledges will come during this time of giving. With your love and support, CCPC will thrive and flourish in the coming years. Respectfully, Evonne Tang

Birthday Celebration!

On Sunday, January 22, 2023, Dick Neff will celebrate his 90th birthday by preaching one more sermon for us at CCPC. After our worship service we will celebrate Dick's 90th birthday with cake in Dodds Hall. Please come to hear the wisdom Dick will share, and then join us after the service for a party. No gifts please, but cards would be welcome.

Fundraising for Pastoral Recruitment

With much anticipation, CCPC members met our pastoral candidate, Rev. Dr. Kori Phillips McMurtry on Nov 27, 2022. With much joy, we welcome her to our family! Despite planning ahead, we did not foresee the significant costs. We ask for your help to offset pastoral recruitment expenses. To donate, you can send a check with "pastoral recruitment" in the memo line or go to our website, select Donate, and then the "Fundraising for Pastoral Recruitment" block.

Per Capita

We ask each member to prayerfully consider contributing \$47.13 to the Per Capita Funds of the National Capital Presbytery for 2023.

Per capita are funds gathered from all of the nearly 11,000 congregations and mid-councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It allows us to connect and participate in the work of the wider church. Per capita makes possible our effort for visible unity of the church of Jesus Christ. Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared power and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the will of Christ. By providing the primary means through which commissioners and advisory delegates can gather to do their work, per capita dollars help to sustain our governance system. The PC (USA), as with other faith traditions and denominations, is but a small part of the one church of Jesus Christ. We affirm that God's call is for the church to be one.

We appreciate your contribution toward Per Capita this year. Please indicate it on your offering.

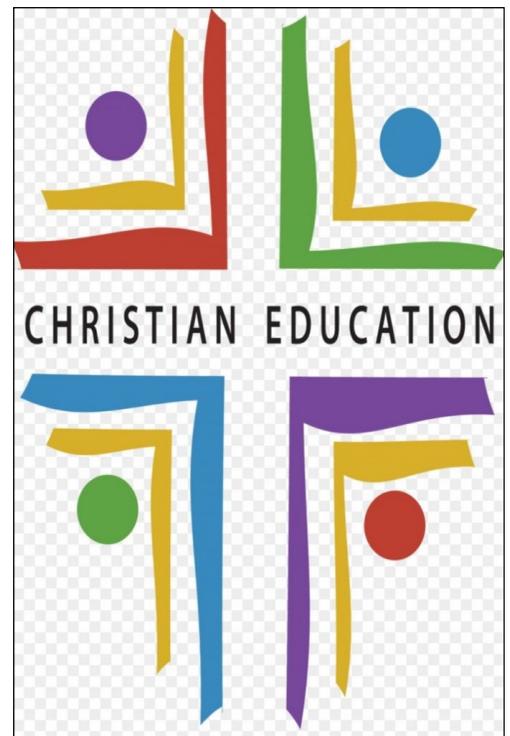
Adult Education

January Physical & Spiritual Health

- 1/1/23: NO ADULT ED – HAPPY NEW YEAR!
1/8/23: Pastor Caroline Wilson, Opening Gates to Our Church
1/15/23: Rick Snyder, Healing Cultural Divides
1/22/23: NO ADULT ED – Pastor Dick Neff's Birthday Party 😊
1/29/23: NO ADULT ED – Thank You Sendoff to Pastor Wilson ©

February Hearts Filled with God's Love

- 2/5/23: Jan Bridger & Barb Engh, The Use of Reiki's Unseen Energy as a Supplement to Conventional Medicine
2/12/23: Patti and Karen Cable, Advance Directives & Hospice
2/19/23: Sam Guillermo, Behind the Music: Origin Stories from the Heart of Worship
2/26/23: Dr. Kori Phillips McMurtry, New Pastor Welcome



Mission Drive

January

Food Pantry Collection

Greatest Needs:

Soup

Low Sugar Cereal

Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz)

Dry Pasta/ Spaghetti

Bar Soap/Toothpaste



Place food donations in the green baskets in the atrium.

Please note: Regular-size items are preferred. We have a few large families, but most households consist of 1-3 individuals.

As always all food donations are welcome. The Food Pantry is not permitted to distribute EXPIRED food items. Please check all dates before donating items; all expired items and any food items without a date must be thrown away.

Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars!

Registration for the 2023 PWOC Women's Retreat is open!

March 10-12, 2023

Rhodes Grove Retreat Center, Chambersburg, PA



LEADER: Martha Spong
Pastor and coach for clergy across USA

THEME: "Renewing Psalms"

Refresh Our Spirit! Rekindle Our Creativity! Connect with Each Other!

For more details, pricing, and the [registration form](#), see the [2023 Women's Retreat](#) webpage on our website. Information is also available in the Atrium. You can also fill out the form included in this newsletter and mail into the church.

Questions? Contact Peggy Oates

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COST:	<u>Five meals</u>	<u>Four Meals</u>
Single	\$295	\$280
Double	\$230	\$215
Triple	\$195	\$180
Quad	\$165	\$150

Payment: \$100 deposit due February 12th. Balance due March 3rd

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - - PAY IN FULL BY February 26th and save \$10

Date Paid: _____ Amount \$ _____

Paying by: check (to "PWOC") Venmo, Paypal

For Venmo or Paypal Contact Marty Sippel: marty.sippel@gmail.com

Name _____ Phone(H) _____ Cell _____

Address _____ Email _____

Room Choice (eg. Double, etc) _____ Meals (4 or 5) _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Roommate Request(s) _____

Any Special Needs _____

I would like a ride: I am able to drive _____ # passengers

Retreat Questions: Peggy Oates 301-262-6959 - Cell 443-534-1172
peggyoates@hotmail.com

Exciting Handbell News!

Our two handbell choirs, the Carillon Choir and Clinquant, will join forces on
Sunday, January 29,
to present a piece for two bell choirs!

Don't miss it!

Blessings from Malawi!

Sending Advent blessings to you from Mzuzu, Malawi!

We are thankful for celebrating our 10-year anniversary of living in Malawi in 2022 (wow time fly's!). Your prayers and financial support are an essential part of this mission and we are very thankful for each of you! Please continue pray for the country of Malawi, its government, its leaders, its students, its future, and also pray for our local partner the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, and the universities that we work for.

Merry Christmas,
Tyler, Rochelle and Mphatso (age 9) Holm

Regards,
Rochelle Holm, rochelle@rochelleholm.com



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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.



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.

