

Seeing Mission in New Ways

Our church was founded with an intention and passion for mission, enjoying a long history of mission work and social justice. From active participation in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's, to Honduras, Mexico, Appalachia, and locally supporting our neighbors as "Christmas Families" we've served God in active hands-on ways. This kind of mission work helps us feel like we are "DOING" something, rolling up our sleeves and partnering with God in a tangible way. This kind of mission can be life-changing and faith-shaping. In fact, hands on mission trips and international church partnerships were essential in my call to the ministry! I was on a church trip in the Gulf Coast with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance when I decided to go to Seminary (school for pastors).

But just because we can't "SEE" the fruits of labor from a mission trip, or direct service project, doesn't mean that we aren't DOING mission at CCPC. Yes, the way we have been able to engage in mission in the past few years has changed due to many factors (covid, pastoral transitions, aging trip leaders). When we ask, what breaks God's heart in our neighborhood? We seem to have identified a passion for the kind of mission work that seeks to meet the needs for underserved, and unhoused neighbors, as we have been focusing our efforts on helping individuals and families in need.

In response to several homeless individuals finding us on Sunday mornings, we developed a Mission Shepherd of the Day volunteer opportunity, to attend to folks in need who may come for worship or seeking assistance. The "Shepherds" are equipped to support walk-in needs with a compassionate listening ear, shower bags prepared with toiletries and towels, food cards, or help with whatever may arise that day. Additionally, we have had individual requests for more substantial assistance. Because of this, the Mission committee has created an application and process for individual vetting.

We continue to support our local Warm Nights program by providing food and lunches for unhoused neighbors. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with Community Crisis Services, Inc. (CCSI), as we re-open Hudson House, and provide short term shelter for 1 or 2 individuals at a time. CCSI provides the kind of wrap around support needed to re-house people, and we have the space that can help! Please stay tuned for further ways you can support both of these missions—you were already so generous in your giving over the summer as we sought to raise funds for the renovation.

We continue to support various mission programs, in small ways, and pray that we will be able to return to some of our more visible efforts in future seasons, like training and sending a Living Waters Team, Habitat for Humanity projects, or other partnerships that we have yet to establish! You will find upcoming mission opportunities elsewhere in this newsletter. If you are interested in connecting with one of these projects or have an idea for a hands-on opportunity, please reach out to Kris, Juila or Donna.

Peace,
Pastor Kori

Craft Fair Update

Thank you to all of our vendors who made the craft fair possible!
Together we raised a wonderful amount for the Children & Youth program!

Deaths of Church Members

Peggy Oates

July 17, 1949 - September 12, 2023



Peggy died Tuesday, September 12, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. Peggy was a fighter, who survived three battles with cancer, and was in the early stages of a fourth round. Peggy and her husband, Skip, have been members of CCPC for over forty years. Her gifts with the children of church, the PWOC, and the deacons are just a few of the many ways she ministered to our community. Please keep Peggy's family and friends in your prayers.

Peggy's memorial service was held at CCPC on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10am. Contributions in Peggy's honor can be made to CCPC.

Lois Pals

September 5, 1929 - September 25, 2023

Lois died peacefully in her sleep on Monday, September 25, 2023. Lois and her husband, Cal, were beloved members of CCPC for over fifty years. Lois was very active in the church throughout her years: she taught Sunday school, she was part of the choir, a member of a circle, and a tremendous help in the office.

A memorial service will be held in the CCPC Sanctuary on Saturday, October 14 at 11am, followed by a memorial luncheon in Dodds Hall. Contributions in Lois's honor can be made to CCPC.



Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, October 15 at 11am, we will have a congregational meeting to elect Patti Cable as Deacon for a one-year term.

Installation of Pastors

On Saturday, **October 28th** at 3pm the presbytery is hosting a presbytery-wide Installation Service. This is the service where our own Pastor Kori will be officially installed as CCPC's called permanent minister. This service will take place at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, 610 S. Fredrick Ave, Gaithersburg, Md. We hope that many of us will attend to honor and celebrate Pastor Kori. We will be forming carpools to ride over to Gaithersburg. Let Sue Evans know if you want to carpool.

On Sunday, **October 29**, during the 10am worship service we will be honoring Kori's new status as CCPC's called and installed minister, and then celebrate after the service with cake after the service.

Vacation Time

Pastor Kori will be on vacation from today, Friday, October 6 through Sunday, October 8; Rev. Hays will be preaching.

Robin will be on vacation starting at 4pm on Wednesday, October 11 and will return on Thursday, October 26. If you need to send a blast, Marty Sippel has graciously agreed to send them. Thank you, Marty!

Adult Education

October 2023: *It All Tells A Story*

10/8 – Dennis Evans, *James Webb Space Telescope: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God!*

10/15 – Bob and Salme Bugenhagen, *A Window into Bible Translation*

10/22 - Rev. Dr. Kori Phillips McMurtry, *Parables: Jesus the Storyteller*

10/29 – Patti Cable, *Medical Preventative Tests*

Adult Ed classes take place after worship service in the Children's Worship Center

Mission Projects

“RaiseRight” Gift Cards

During the month of October, Mission committee will be taking orders for gift cards through the RaiseRight company (formerly Script). We order the cards from the company and they pay us a percentage of value of each gift card which will go to help fund CCPC children/youth activities.

You can order these cards for personal use to give as Christmas gifts, and orders are being taken in October so that we can be sure to have the cards back before Thanksgiving. You can also order cards to support the Warm Nights wish list as well as cards for the Salvation Army to use for Christmas Angels who do not get adopted.

Donna Hopkins (donyay100@aol.com) will be taking the orders so please look for her in the atrium after church or send her an email.

Christmas Angels

Beginning on **Sunday, October 22**, you will be able to adopt a Christmas Angel as part of the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree project. Look for the sign up table in the atrium. You can choose to shop for just clothes, just toys, or choose to shop for both for your adopted angel.

You can choose to do contactless, direct shipping to the Salvation Army warehouse, or bring your gift items to the church on either **November 19 or 26** for delivery to the warehouse. Information on all of the specifics will be provided when you select your angel. All gifts must be delivered by **December 2**.

Have you been looking for some “hands on” volunteer opportunities? Volunteering to help sort and distribute gifts at the Salvation Army Warehouse in Hyattsville is a great opportunity. Please let Julia (Leaman) Monroe (JuliaL11@verizon.net) know if you are interested by email before October 22 or in person at church that day. At least two volunteer days are being planned at the warehouse in November and December.

Alternative Christmas Gift Market & Soup Lunch

The Christmas Gift Market this year will be on **December 10** in Dodds Hall. It will begin after the church service and will go until 1:30. At the market, there will be a variety of different booths that you can visit to learn about the missions of the organizations represented. The idea behind the alternative gift market is to consider donating to worthy organizations and projects as an alternative to traditional gift giving. After making your selections, you can pick up a Christmas card and note to give to someone special on your Christmas list indicating your donation on their behalf.

We will once again have homemade soup. If you would like to make some soup for that Sunday let us know: Rachel Oben (bechemoben@yahoo.com) or Kris Ross (educatorkris@gmail.com).

Shop virtually. We will have a price sheet and description of the organizations on the website. You can pay by check or online via the CCPC Donate link. Checks and order sheets can be left in the office in the Mission mailbox. All donations must be in by Christmas.

Mark your calendars, we hope to see everyone on December 10 and share in the fun of giving and enjoying some homemade soup.

Showcase of Challenge Quilts, Holiday Quilt, Art, and Craft Sale

Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 10:00 – 2:00 in Dodds Hall

Join us for our annual Quilt Challenge exhibit and Holiday Member-Made Sale!
View and vote on our challenge quilts, enjoy some wonderful holiday gift shopping.

Raffle Quilt! Raffle Baskets!

Light Lunch Available Benefiting CCPC Youth Group!

Children & Youth have been asked to sell lunch items as a fundraiser.

We are looking for monetary donations to defray the cost of the items.

Donations can be placed in a labeled envelope in Kim Gedrich's mailbox in the main office.

Bring a Friend! Free Admission!

Follow us on Facebook~ Southern Comforters Quilt Guild of Bowie



Come join our

Celebration Choir

We rehearse on Sunday mornings now!

If attending Wednesday evening rehearsals kept you from singing with us in the past, then we have exciting news! The Celebration Choir now rehearses on Sunday mornings! Come join us 8:45-9:15 when we lift up our voices to glorify God. If interested (or even mildly curious) please speak with Rick!

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 Sunday school room 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.

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. Changes were made from the original schedule sent in the last Caller.

October 15: Cluster 9 w/Kori and deacon Sue Evans

November 12: Cluster 1 & 11 w/Kori and deacons Paula Hays and Carrie Ahern

December 10: Cluster 7 and 8 w/Kori and deacons Judyann Glazener and Patti Cable

Trunk or Treat

Get Ready for a Super Spooky Halloween!

GAMES! CRAFTS! FUN!

Saturday, October 28

11pm to 1pm

Dodds Hall and CCPC Parking Lot



Friends giving

We're Thankful for Friends!

Children & Youth come together for a Friendsgiving feast.
Kids only! Bring a dish to share for all to enjoy.

Saturday, November 18, 2023

4pm to 6pm in Dodds Hall

RSVP By November 11, 2022



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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 CCPC

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