



From Vision to Strategic Plan

Imagine a life centered in the love of God and the ways of Jesus. Our self-worth comes from knowing that we are beloved children of God, not from status, wealth, achievement, or anything else that can be lost. Our decisions flow from Jesus' way of helping the poor and sick, forgiving those who wrong us, and welcoming the outcast. We have a deep spiritual well from which to draw wisdom and strength.

Imagine a church that seeks to center its life in the love of God and ways of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, prayer, community life, and pastoral care we seek to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Centered in the love of God we welcome a broad spectrum of political perspectives, ministry interests, and strengthen our bonds of faith and friendship. We support each other as we grapple with the everyday choices we must make to keep Christ at the center of our lives. This is the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church we have envisioned. Christ our center, children our blessing, justice our passion.

*CCPC seeks to be a congregation where
 God in Christ is the center of our lives;
 we celebrate and equip the youngest generation to
 do the work to which Christ has called us all;
 and we work for justice in the world.*

visions get. Visions have a tendency to make wonderful documents that collect dust on church shelves. You may remember other times CCPC has engaged in such visioning processes only to have them end up on the church shelf.

This time is different.

Why? Rather than keeping our vision theoretical, we are making it practical. As a church we are taking the next step to put it into practice. A team called Visioning 2 is putting together a strategic plan. The plan flows from the vision so carefully crafted by you the congregation.

Over the last year the team of nine has been going out to committees, groups and having general conversations with people about what strategies we might use to meet our objectives. From the strategies come the questions of what resources do we need to do these strategies? What volunteers? Staff? Space? Time? Funds? How will we measure whether or not we are reaching our objects and fulfilling our vision?

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We have a beautiful vision, and often that is as far as

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The deadline for March's Gateway is February 7

Be well! CCPC is taking precautions to help prevent the spread of the flu. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex as you enter and leave the sanctuary. If you are uncomfortable shaking hands during the “passing of the peace,” feel free to wave, bow or offer some other gesture of greeting.

All those serving communion will wash their hands prior to the service and use hand sanitizer just prior to the service of communion. Serving communion by intinction, as we do, limits the possible spread of the flu. Individual serving cups are available for those who do not wish to dip their bread in the common cup.

If you are sick with flu-like illness, the CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone (without the use of a fever-reducing medicine).

— Dr. Brad Hunter

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| February 3 | <p>Marriage Sunday
 Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 <i>The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching</i>
 The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated
 MUSIC:
 9:30—<i>The Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers</i>
 11:00—<i>Chancel Choir and The Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers</i></p> |
| February 10 | <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord
 Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 <i>The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching</i>
 MUSIC:
 9:30—<i>Wind Ensemble</i>
 11:00—<i>Wind Ensemble</i></p> |
| February 13 | <p>Ash Wednesday
 Services at 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
 <i>The Rev. Lynn Jostes will be preaching</i>
 The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated
 MUSIC:
 7:30 P.M.—<i>Chancel Choir</i></p> |
| February 17 | <p>Lent, Week 1
 Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 <i>The Rev. Jane Duffield will be preaching</i>
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 MUSIC:
 9:30—<i>First Service Singers</i>
 11:00—<i>Chancel Choir</i></p> |
| February 24 | <p>Lent, Week 2
 Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 <i>The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching</i>
 MUSIC:
 10:00—<i>Carol Choir, Junior Choir with Chancel Choir</i></p> |

February
Worship
Schedule

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 13, 2013
7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.

In ancient Israel, ashes were understood to be a forceful reminder of the pervasiveness of human sin and of the inevitability of death. Ashes represented that which was burned out and wasted...that which once was, but is no more. This traditional emblem of grief and mourning has been adopted by the Christian church as a signal of our own sinful mortality, as well as to remind us of the dark days in Jesus' life in his passion and death. During the days of Lent which follow, we think about who we are and who Jesus Christ is...for us...and the journey begins.

This year, we invite you to begin your contemplative Lenten journey with worship. We will gather for a simple service of scripture/reflection, singing, ashes and communion at **7:30 a.m.** (for early morning risers or those on the way to work), **9:15 a.m.** (for those dropping off at Nursery School and others), and **7:30 p.m.** (for those who wish to conclude their day with more formal worship, including special music by the Chancel Choir) in the sanctuary. Please join us for this sacred time.



Home Communion

On March 3, CCCP's Elders and Deacons will serve the Sacrament of Communion to members unable to attend worship services. To request Communion, or for more information, please contact the Rev. Jane Duffield at 202-363-2202.

Annual Congregation Meeting And Fellowship Brunch

Sunday, February 24th

Join us for the **SINGLE worship service** at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 24 and remain through the morning for our Annual Congregational Meeting and a Fellowship Brunch! Sunday School for children will be available during the worship service and extended care will be offered during the meeting.

At the meeting, Elders, Deacons, Auditors, and Congregational Nominating Committee members will be elected, and financial reports and the 2013 congregational budget will be reviewed. Any changes in the terms of call for the pastors will be considered and the congregation will also hear from our pastor and consider other matters.

Special activities for younger children and childcare for infants and toddlers will be offered during the meeting. A donation of \$7 per adult (ages 12 and up), \$3 per child (ages 3-11), with a maximum of \$25 per family will be requested for brunch.

Junior Choir and Evensong

Members of the Junior Choir of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church will participate in a Chorister Festival Evensong hosted by Christ Church, Episcopal, Rockville, Maryland on Sunday, February 3 at 4 p.m. All are encouraged to attend this special service of liturgy and song.

<http://www.christchurchrockville.org/>

A Night at the Opera

Joann Moorer, Assistant Director of Music, will sing the role of Zora in the United States premiere of Ana Sokolovic's *Svadba*, a contemporary opera for six women about a Serbian wedding celebration at Baltimore's Theater Project (45 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201). Performances are February 14, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and February 17 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 Adults, \$15 Seniors, \$10 Students with ID.

Adult Education and Nurture at CCPC: February 2013

Sunday Mornings

All Adult Sunday Morning Classes take a break on Sunday, February 24 for worship and the Annual Meeting which follows

Faith Trek (Meets from 10 – 11 a.m. in the Library, first floor, center building, alley side. *NOTE: The class will not meet on February 24.*)

Faith Trek is a small group of CCPC adults who are curious about their faith and the world and who want to explore in the company of a circle of friends. The circle expands easily, and we would be delighted to have you join us. The group will continue its discussion of *Speaking of Faith* by Krista Tippett and invites new folks to join them for fellowship and conversation. Check with Margaret Chan (301-656-5034) if you have any questions.

Open Forum (Meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Geneva Hall, second floor, Education Building, street side) The Open Forum offers a forum for the discussion of a variety of topics on the intersection of faith and life. Join us in February for these discussions:

Medical science is rapidly expanding physicians' ability to treat disease and prolong life. At the same time, the cost of medical care is rising exponentially so society must address the issue of resource allocation. The field of medical ethics grapples with these, and other pressing issues. In this series, the Rev. Ruth E. Kent, Chaplain, Ingleside at Rock Creek, and Adjunct Faculty at George Washington University Medical School, will explore current topics in this field through the lens of Christian theology and biblical authority. Rev. Kent has been a member of the Children's National Medical Center's ethics committee for more than 12 years. Prior to attending seminary, Rev. Kent was an attorney, who provided pro bono assistance to end-of-life organizations. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and an advanced certification in bioethics from the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University.

February 3: Medical Ethics and the Christian Faith (part 1)

Rev. Kent will provide an overview of medical ethics and discuss the issue of autonomy. Autonomy is defined as your right to make and act upon choices regarding your own life. The issue of assuming personal responsibility for choices one has made will also be discussed.

February 10: Medical Ethics and the Christian Faith (part 2)

The series will continue with a discussion of Beneficence/Non-Maleficence. Beneficence refers to the obligation of medical professionals and care-takers to act for the benefit of others to further their important and legitimate interest, and non-maleficence means the obligation not to inflict harm. The principles involved include the prevention of evil or harm, the removal of evil and harm, and the promotion of good.

February 17: Medical Ethics and the Christian Faith (part 3)

The series will wrap-up with a discussion of justice and fairness. The issues of who gets medical care, how much, when/how soon, and why one and not the other will be discussed.

February 24: NO Class; worship at 10 a.m. followed by Annual Meeting/brunch

The Bible in Context Class (Meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Room 350-B, third floor, Education Building) *The Gospel of John.* This year the class will be studying the *Gospel of John*, a narrative of "the disciple whom Jesus loved." *John* includes material not found in the other three gospels and has a different account of the Crucifixion. The biblical text for the week will be closely read and examined in light of the 1st century historical setting.

February 3 – John 11:1-27, The Death of Lazarus

February 10 – John 11:28-57, The Raising of Lazarus, The Plot to Kill Jesus

February 17 – John 12:1-26, Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

February 24 – NO Class; worship at 10 a.m. followed by Annual Meeting/brunch

Wednesday Morning Bi-Monthly Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group is continuing to study together **twice a month** in Geneva Hall on **the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10-12 p.m.** Come join our new study of the Gospel of Matthew. Contact Grace Hyslop or study leader, Lynn Jostes, for more details or to purchase a study book. Come join us!

Save the Date!

Can you name five symbols of Lent/Easter? Where and when did the tradition of Easter Eggs begin? How many different crosses can you draw? Children, youth and adults are invited to come join us at our sixth annual **Easter Festival, Saturday morning, March 16** to explore these and other traditions of our most sacred season of the church year. Watch for complete details in next month's *Gateway*.



February 2013 Inquirers' Seminar

The next Inquirers' Seminar of the program year will be offered on **Sunday, February 10 from 12:15 to 3:30 p.m. in Firesides** (Room 260) at CCPC. This session is open not only to those persons who may have decided to become members, but also to persons who exploring their call to Christian discipleship as members of this congregation. The format for the afternoon following lunch includes a brief overview of the basic history, beliefs, and traditions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as an outline of specific opportunities for using your gifts with others in ministry at CCPC. Those choosing to join will do so on February 24. If you are interested in participating in the seminar on February 10 (or know someone who may be interested), please contact Associate Pastor Lynn Jostes at 202-363-2202 or lynn@chevyCHASEPC.org for more information or to sign up. Come join with the disciples of The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church as we discover our gifts and answer our calling, and together serve our Lord.

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The Visioning 2 team is excited. The team is eager to share the plan with the congregation. Here's a sneak peek at what's to come:

- The plan strengthens our ministries of spiritual formation and connection through small groups.
- As envisioned in the plan, pastoral care will receive more resources from staff and congregation alike.
- Youth ministry will have a closer connection with our mission ministries.
- Greater focus will be given to inviting people to worship and actively involving them in the life of the church.
- The plan calls for new ways to increase income and do our ministries more cost effectively.

Visioning 2 looks forward to unveiling more details at the Annual meeting on February 24. In the meantime, pray for the Spirit's guidance and wisdom to continue to stir our imaginations, keep us practical, and centered in the love of God and the ways of Jesus Christ.

Molly

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Do You Like Pancakes... For Supper?!

Join the fun for a family-style Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday (the night before Lent begins). Pancakes and all the fixings will be prepared and served (by the Graeub/Atwood families) on **Tuesday, February 12 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.** in Chadsey Hall. A donation of \$5 per adult, \$3 per child to age 10, with a \$25 maximum per family will be requested. No reservations needed.



An Easy Way to Serve

The **Transition Assistance Program** is looking for a few volunteers willing to help sort donated clothing. You can do the work at a time that fits your schedule, and you'll only be called on occasionally when many donations come in. Providing clothing to TAP's homeless and working poor clients is an important mission of the church. Clients are often in need of clothes to wear to an interview or start a job. Sometimes they just need the warmth of a winter jacket. Can you help? Contact clothing coordinator, Florence Mills, at 202-244-1136 or email florencemills@mac.com for more information.

Chancel Choir Reaches Out to Break Racial Boundaries in Upcoming Concert

On February 9 at 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg, our own CCPC Chancel Choir will reach out to celebrate and lift up Black History Month in a fresh and new way. "Breaking the Boundaries" is the inspiration of youthful director Joshua Sommerville, the leader of His W.I.L. (Worshippers In Life) gospel and praise choir, whose tender age belies his spiritual and musical maturity. CCPC, First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg and His W.I.L. singers and musicians will join hands and hearts, 120 souls strong, to spread a powerful message of love and peace and harmony. Why join together? People that sing together experience God's love and His holy spirit together. Bringing different communities together to join hands and feel god's love and understanding and openness will send a powerful message to break down racial barriers.

Standing at the gateway to the city offers CCPC a unique opportunity. As gate "keepers" we have a duty, a responsibility, to model our behavior to all who enter our city. The Chancel Choir sees an opportunity to start a discussion, with our feet and with our voices, inspired by "Justice is our Passion," about how to understand and improve race relations in Washington, D.C. and beyond.

What is the justice issue here? Declarations of the end of racism are premature. A "post-racial" society may be a bit more wishful thinking than reality. It is easy to say racism is dead, just like it is easy to say justice is our passion. So how do we live "Justice is our Passion?" What better way than to celebrate Black History Month by reaching out to different peoples and choirs in a demonstration of solidarity, unity, spirituality and God's love. If we open our hearts and sing loud enough – can we end racial prejudice? The only way to find out is to try.

Music is one of our passionate gifts at CCPC. It certainly is something we enjoy amongst ourselves in our sanctuary, but it can also be a powerful tool for justice. Music holds a distinct and unlimited ability to raise up the Holy Spirit. African American musical heritage optimizes the passion of God by mixing emotional preaching, powerful music and great fellowship. Observing and even admiring a gospel choir stirs us, but reaching out and participating transforms us into agents of change.

Be transformed! Let's sing and march into the light together as we overcome racial fears, intolerance and prejudice. One great concert can change the world. Let's change it together!

Jerry Gudis

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2013 Easter Lily/Flower Donations

The CCPC Flower Committee extends an invitation to members and friends of CCPC to participate in the Annual Easter Lily/Flower Program. Your contributions make it possible to purchase Easter Lilies and flowers used to decorate the church for Easter. Plants are delivered to those in our church family who are hospitalized, recovering at home, grieving, or marking special life milestones. Anyone who wishes to contribute may do so to celebrate or honor a group or individual, or as a memorial. Please complete the form and return it by March 24 to the Church Office along with a check. Additional forms are available in the Narthex or at the Flower Committee Table in Chadsey Hall during coffee hours on Sundays in March.

Please check one: in celebration of in honor of in memory of

These flowers are dedicated to the following person(s):

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Check attached for _____ dedications at \$15.00 each = \$ _____

Make check payable to Flower Committee, CCPC, noting Easter Lilies in the memo line.

CCPC Flower Committee Chair: Norm Stant 301-942-6468.

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