



Ask What Makes Your Church Come Alive

Howard Thurman's poem expresses well the mission of CCPC. We believe that God has called us to be the place where faith and life intersect at the gateway to the city. We are committed to caring for each other and reaching out to those beyond our doors. We believe in the future and the need to raise children in the faith. We are passionate about justice, and we want to center our lives in the absolute love of God in Jesus Christ.

I love this congregation. I love our mission, our worship, our passion. I give thanks to God that God has called me to be your pastor. God is good!

As we enter the new year, we have difficult decisions to make. We should not have to make them. As a congregation we are able to financially support the mission of this church. Our support will be proportionate to our means, none the less, we are able.

As I write this, we are once again, as every year, beginning to think about what we will have to cut in the new year, unless we are able to meet our pledge goals. We simply will not be able to maintain our ministries without an increase in financial support.

We will face the difficult decisions of what programs must be cut and what must be eliminated altogether.

Our Visioning Team is working to finalize a strategic plan that seeks faithfulness to our mission and offers potential ways to reduce spending. The Team will report its progress at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 24, 2013.

We have made great strides in shoring up our financial stability including: a resurrected investment committee, a planned giving program, working to secure funding into the years ahead. We have introduced "extra-giving opportunities" for special projects, the opportunity to make donations or pay a pledge through automatic payments online with a credit card or through online banking.

*"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace to others,
to make music in the heart."*

~ Howard Thurman

I end with a paraphrase of another quote by Howard Thurman, "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes your church come alive. Because what the world needs is churches fully alive."

God's Blessings,

Molly

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The deadline for February's Gateway is January 9

- January 6** **Epiphany of the Lord**
Service at 10:00 a.m.
The Rev. Lynn Jostes
 The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated
MUSIC:
 10:00—*The Chancel Choir*

- January 13** **Baptism of the Lord**
Services at 9:30 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching
MUSIC:
 9:30—*First Service Singers*
 11:00—*Chancel Choir*

- January 20** **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Molly Blythe Teicher will be preaching
 Hunger Offering
MUSIC:
 9:30—*First Service Singers*
 11:00—*Chancel Choir*

- January 27** **Justice Sunday**
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon will be preaching
Annie Scales Rogers Professor of Christian Ethics
MUSIC:
 9:30—*Carol Choir and First Service Singers*
 11:00—*Chancel Choir*

January Worship Schedule

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Join the Handbell Ringers

Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers are looking for committed ringers for the new year. Rehearsals begin Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 300 with Joann Moorer. We are looking for additional ringers to keep this vibrant ministry of our church meaningful. Please contact Joann at joann@chevychasepc.org if you have any interest in learning how to ring! Students in 8th-12th grade who read music are encouraged to participate.

Junior Choir Evensong

In February, The Junior Choir of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church will participate in a Chorister Festival Evensong hosted by Christ Church, Episcopal, Rockville, Maryland. All are encouraged to attend the Evensong service, February 3, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this special service of liturgy and song.

Visit www.christchurchrockville.org for details.

CCPC and Community Wind Ensemble

The CCPC and Community Wind Ensemble is scheduled to participate in worship services February 10. Please make yourself and your instrument known to our Director of Music at julie@chevychasepc.org. Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday night, January 28, February 4 and Saturday, February 9.



Photos: Chris Ertz

Congratulations to the cast of our Christmas Pageant!

The children did a wonderful job presenting the story of the birth of Jesus. A special congratulations to Joann Moorer and Rev. Lynn Jostes on directing!



Chevy Chase Concert Series



**Bucknell University Chapel Choir
and
Rooke Chapel Ringers**

Sunday, January 27—4:00 p.m.

These ensembles were featured for many years on NPR-TV in their pre-Christmas candle light program at Rooke Chapel, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA. Conducted by Dr. William Payn, they have achieved national and international recognition for their musicality and vitality including having been nominated for an Emmy award on four occasions!

Adult Education and Nurture at CCPC: January 2013

Sunday Mornings

Faith Trek (Meets from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Library, first floor, center building, alley side. *NOTE: The class will meet at 11:00 a.m. on January 6 following worship.*)

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. In December 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 December for these discussions:

January 6: NO Open Forum; worship at 10:00 a.m.

January 13: The Media and Religion

Do you ever wonder why certain causes or issues receive public attention and others do not? Interim Associate Pastor Jane Duffield will discuss what makes a topic newsworthy. She also will provide some practical information about how you can promote a program or social justice issue. Prior to entering the ministry, Rev. Duffield was director of public relations for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She taught a course in media relations while at Union Theological Seminary and has lectured on public relations and crisis management throughout the country.

January 20: Be prepared!

Mary Lasky, CCPC member and Business Continuity Planner for Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Lab, will discuss what we need to do in our homes to be prepared for severe weather emergencies and other events that are grim possibilities in our modern world, chemical and biological accidents or terrorists attacks. We encourage members to attend both of Mary's presentations because emergency preparedness can save lives.

January 27: Be prepared! (Part 2)

In this second presentation, Mary Lasky will discuss how we can be prepared to evacuate in the case of a severe emergency, and what we need to do if power is out for an extended period of time.

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.

January 6 – NO Class; worship at 10:00 a.m.

January 13 – John 9:1-23, Healing a Blind Man

January 20 – John 9:24-42, Healing a Blind Man (cont'd)

January 27 – John 10, The Feast of Dedication

Wednesday Mornings (Bi-Monthly)

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group is continuing to study together in the new year **twice a month** in Geneva Hall on **the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10:00 – 12:00 noon**. On **January 9, 2013** we will begin a new study of the Gospel of Matthew. Contact Grace Hyslop or study leader, Lynn Jostes, for more details or to purchase a studybook. Come join us!

Next Inquirers' Seminar: February 2013

The next Inquirers' Seminar of the program year will be offered on **Sunday, February 10, 2013 from 12:15 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 250** (Geneva Hall) at CCPC. This session is open not only to those persons who may have decided to become members, but also to persons who are 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.

The Confirmation Journey Begins

On **January 13, 2013** interested 9th grade (and older) youth along with their parents are invited to attend an orientation pot luck supper from **6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Geneva Hall** to hear plans and expectations for this year's Confirmation Class experience.

Confirmation is more than just "joining the church." It is about exploring a life of faith and becoming an active disciple of Jesus Christ. Participants will learn about what we believe and how we live faithfully as members of the church. Letters of invitation have been sent to these youth and their families. If you have not received a letter, and are interested in participating or need more information, please contact Lynn Jostes (202-363-2202 x 22).

We ask your prayers as our young people begin this significant part of their faith journey. We look forward to celebrating with them as they make their public profession of faith in worship on Sunday, June 2, 2013.

Church School Classes for Everyone!

We've Saved a Place for You!!

Church School classes for all ages resume on **January 13** and will continue each Sunday through May. January's schedule is a little different in that on **January 6**, children will stay for worship to celebrate Epiphany and the sacrament of communion with our church family during **worship at 10:00 a.m.**

Church school classes for all ages resume when we return to two services on the 13th. Church school is held from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Children and youth are encouraged to attend worship with their family or with friends and then go to their classes (usually after the Time with Children each week). If you haven't already done so, we ask that parents please complete a registration form for their child(ren) for the rest of this year's session. Forms are available from the teachers or in the church office. Check out the Adult Education classes outlined in this month's *Gateway* and plan to join one in the New Year. We'll be looking for you!!



Photo: Chris Ertz

The Secret Closet

Few church members have seen inside the Transition Assistance Program clothing closet, but those who have would say it's more organized than Martha Stewart's! Just down the hall from the TAP office, behind locked doors, the TAP volunteers can find just what their clients need. Several large wardrobes hold shelves and hanging rods for shirts, shoes, pants, gloves, jackets—all with size labels prominently displayed so volunteers can find things at a glance. The remarkable order is thanks to volunteer clothing sorters Florence Mills (Coordinator), Alice-Anne Birch, Dottie Boerner, and Erin Karney. To make sure the stock is appropriate for the weather, Mimi Morse hauls the out-of-season clothes home to store in her basement.



The contents of the closet are supplied by CCPC's generous congregation. If you are doing a little purging and organizing in your own closet or you run into a big sale while shopping, keep in mind what TAP needs. Most of TAP's clients are men. Right now belts are especially needed. TAP could also use sweaters and sweatshirts (XL and XXL), work pants, casual/athletic shoes size 10 and above, and warm winter hats and scarves. And thanks to all of you who gave TAP your paper and plastic bags. Our supply has been replenished.

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, 2013 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.



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Deck the Halls with Angels

On November 30, 175 people joined us for dinner and fellowship to deck the halls! Everyone had fun making ornaments and decorating the sanctuary.



Do You Like Pancakes...

Family-style
pancake supper

Shrove Tuesday

February 12

5:30 — 7:30

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