

**“We do not have to be Christian to be saved,
but Christ does have the power to save us.”**

– Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

I have made this claim about Jesus Christ and salvation in several sermons. The reaction I get is two-fold. People are relieved to hear it proclaimed from the pulpit that Christianity is not, or does not have to be, an absolutist religion that condemns people of other faiths. A gracious Christianity resonates with our understandings of a gracious God. It is difficult for many of us to believe that God would condemn billions of people because they do not profess a belief in Jesus Christ.

The other reaction I receive regards the scripture from John 14:6 when Jesus says to Thomas: *I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.* If no one comes to the Father, except through Jesus, how can non-Christians come to know God? How, according to the Bible, can people of other faiths be saved?

It is well worth taking the time to understand this text if we are to truly understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In this part of the Gospel of John, Jesus is saying good-bye to his disciples. He is about to be arrested. He is trying to tell them that he is going to die and rise again. He says that he is going away and he commands them love one another as he has loved them. They are confused and want to know where Jesus is going and why they can't come with him.

Jesus tries to reassure them that he is going to the Father, and that he will come and lead them to the Father, and they know the way to the Father.

When they insist that they do not know the way, Jesus tells them, “I am the way.” Jesus’ way of living is the way to God. Jesus’ way is the way of compassion, healing, acceptance, forgiveness, inclusion and self-giving love. Love is the way to God and to God’s kingdom. Jesus spends the next three chapters telling his disciples that they will know his presence as they love one another.

Jesus’ way of love is also the way of the cross. Living the way of love, we die to an old way of being centered in self, to become centered in the Spirit of Christ. We are transformed by love. Living the way of love draws us deeper and deeper into the love of God and in our love for one another. A life centered in the love of Christ is a life made whole, freed to love, full of joy and filled with peace.

The concept of “the way” as a path to a life centered in the love of God is echoed in the world’s great religions. To quote Marcus Borg from *The Heart of Christianity*, “...the way that Jesus incarnated is a universal way, not an exclusive way. Jesus is the embodiment ...of the path of transformation known in the religions that have stood the test of time.” (pg. 119).

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 4 **Second Sunday in Lent**
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching
 The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated
MUSIC:
 9:30—Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers
 11:00—Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers

March 11 **Third Sunday in Lent**
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching
 Daylight Savings Time
MUSIC:
 9:30—Men's Chorus
 11:00—Men's Chorus

March 18 **Youth Sunday**
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Worship presented by CCPC youth
 Hunger Offering
MUSIC:
 9:30—Youth Chorus
 11:00—Youth Chorus

March 25 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching
MUSIC:
 9:30—First Service Singers
 11:00—Chancel Choir



Prayer List Confidentiality

The offering of intercessory prayers is a vital aspect of being a Christ-centered community of faith. Both the recipients of the prayers and all who pray for others receive God's grace. As the body of Christ, we minister to each other through the prayer list published in the bulletin; by lifting up our joys and concerns during worship; and through weekly e-mail distribution of prayer requests. However, out of respect for the privacy and confidentiality of those for whom we pray, we will begin using only the first names of those who are not CCPC members in published lists. Full names can continue to be used when offering prayer requests aloud in worship and the full names of those requesting the prayers also will continue to be published.

Flower Dedications

Are you interested in donating and dedicating flowers for the sanctuary? Flowers may be given for any Sunday during the year, but four totally open Sundays are May 21 and 28 and July 2 and 9. The cost of memorial flowers is \$50. If interested, please contact Norm Stant, Chair of the Flower Committee, at normstant@verizon.net or (301) 942-6468.

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

Friday, April 6, 2012

Journey to Easter with the Circle Churches

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Chevy Chase Baptist Church

Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

We'll begin at 1:10 p.m. in the sanctuary at All Saints' Episcopal Church

and conclude with refreshments around 2:30 in Chadsey Hall at CCPC

At each of the 14 stations, we remember Jesus' final walk to Calvary

Three of the stations will be at CCPC, and we will host the gathering which follows.

Contact Lynn Jostes if you would like to participate as a reader, assistant, or cross-bearer in this annual tradition, or contact Dale Kasab if you will provide some cookies for the reception.

Upcoming Performances

Joann Moorer, Assistant Director of Music, will sing Ann Putnam in Robert Ward's *The Crucible*, Thursday, March 15 and Saturday, March 17, 7:30pm at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Miriam A. Friedberg Concert Hall. Tickets can be purchased in advanced by calling the Peabody Box Office, 410-234-4800

The Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers will perform at the Baltimore Area Handbell Festival at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1316 Park Avenue, Baltimore, MD, Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 4 pm. Four handbell choirs—whose ringers will play close to 200 bells—will perform massed ringing pieces and

will also play as individual groups. The concert will be directed by Richard Frey. Bell choirs from Baltimore's Brown Memorial and Faith Presbyterian Churches, and the Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers will be joined by the award-winning Chesapeake Bronze Handbell Ringers from Chesapeake Beach. This spectacular concert will be a visual and sonic delight.

Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music, will be performing in Boston, MA on March 20, 2012 at 12:15 p.m. in King's Chapel; and March 23, 2012 at 12:15 p.m. at Trinity Church Boston in Copley Square.

Choir News for All Ages

Children's Musical

A Children's Musical, *100% Chance of Rain*, by Walter Horsley will be presented Sunday, April 29, 2012 at the 9:30am service by the Carol and Junior Choirs. Rehearsals began in February and will continue through April. All children of the church, Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to participate. Please email Joann Moorer to participate at joann@chevyCHASEPC.org.

Singing Opportunity for Grades 6-12

We are excited to offer folks in grades 6-12 the opportunity to be in the Youth Chorus for Youth Sunday on March 18. In preparation, Julie Evans will hold rehearsals on the following days:

Before Youth Group on Sunday, March 4 and 11 at 5:00 p.m. in room 300.

A third and final rehearsal will be Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.. Pizza will be served and music will be sung! A commitment to at least 2 rehearsals is necessary. Please contact Julie@chevyCHASEPC.org

Singing Opportunity for the men of the church, including grades 9-12

A Men's Chorus is forming to sing at both services on Sunday, March 11. Rehearsals are as follows:

Wednesday, March 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in room 300

Saturday, March 10, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

A commitment to at least 2 rehearsals is necessary. Please contact Julie@chevyCHASEPC.org

Chevy Chase Concert Series



35th Annual Bach Marathon Sunday, March 18—2 p.m.

This Washington institution again presents the music of J.S. Bach in half-hour programs on our wonderful 3-manual, 50-rank, 2,500-pipe Rieger tracker organ. Come when you can, leave when you must and refresh your soul. This season's theme is "Bach to Basics: Fantasies and Fugues."

The "All-Star lineup" is as follows:

- 2:00 Julie Vidrick Evans
- 2:30 Russell Weismann
- 3:00 Jeremy Filsell
- 3:30 Joy-Leilani Garbutt
- 4:00 Chris Gage
- 4:30 Mark Willey
- 5:00 Tracy Richardson
- 5:30 Tyler Canonico
- 6:00 Janet Yieh
- 6:30 Ken Lowenberg

Adult Education and Nurture at CCPC: Sunday Mornings and Beyond

Continuing March 4, 11, 18 & 25 2012

- The Bible in Context Class** (Meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Room 350-B, third floor, Education Building)
The Gospel of Mark. Participants are invited to study the Gospel of Mark with teachers Dottie Boerner, Beth Nyhus and John Weicher. Anyone who is interested is always welcome.
- Faith Trek** (Meets from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Library, first floor, center building, alley side)
 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 class is reading *The Misunderstood Jew: The Scandal in the Church of the Jewish Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Check with Margaret Chan (301/656-5034) if you have questions or to secure a copy of the book. Please feel free to drop by any Sunday.
- 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 March for a discussion of these topics:
- March 4** – The **Justice in Action** series continues with a presentation from *Sally White*, executive director of **IONA**. She will discuss some urgent issues that are adversely affecting vulnerable and low income older people in the city and ways in which IONA is helping bring about real, systemic change. IONA serves the entire metropolitan region, educating, advocating and providing community-based programs and services for older adults.
- March 11** – The **Justice in Action** Series continues with **Shikokho Microfinance Initiative**- Sally Kelly will discuss The Women's Microfinance Initiative- a Bethesda non-profit- that provides loans to women in rural East Africa to start businesses. Microloans are a proven means to lift entire families out of poverty-- permanently. WMI's women entrepreneurs are providing better nutrition and health care, sending more children to school, and creating jobs. Now, in Shikokho, 20 women have received their first loans and are open for business. More are scheduled to receive loans in April.
- March 18** – **The Affordable Health Care Act: Separating Fact from Fiction**- Maggie Kozel, a physician who graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine, will join us to answer questions about the new health care act. She blogs on health care issues for "The Huffington Post" and has written a book about her experiences as a pediatrician.
- March 25** – **Inside South Sudan**- *Joe Anderson*, who lived in South Sudan over the past year, will discuss the current situation in that newly-independent country. He also will review the history of Sudan, the colonial experience, the role of the Christian churches, the civil war, the peace process, and the problem of violence due to inter-tribal rivalry.

Wednesday Mornings (Bi-Monthly)

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group invites you to join them **twice a month** in Geneva Hall on **the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 noon**. The group has begun a new study of the Gospel of Mark, the lectionary Gospel for this year, and welcomes new members anytime. Contact Grace Hyslop or study leader, Lynn Jostes, for more details. Come join us!

Wednesday Evenings (Monthly)

The Young Women's Bible Study invites all young women of the congregation to join their study and fellowship! Mark your calendars for the **third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in Room 350-B** (third floor, Education Building, street side.) Bring your Bibles and join us and teacher, Lynn Jostes, for some great discussion of the Gospel of John!

Next Inquirers' Seminar Scheduled for April 29, 2012

The next Inquirers' Seminar of the program year will be offered on **Thursday evening, April 29, 2012 from 12:15 to 4:00 p.m. in 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 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 May 6. If you are interested in participating in the seminar on April 29 (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.

Health Care Issues and Questions

A new health care law promising major reforms, often referred to as "Obama Care" will go into effect in 2014. Weighing in at more than 1,000 pages, it is hardly surprising that there are a myriad of questions surrounding it. On March 18 during Open Forum, pediatrician Dr. Maggie Kozel will describe the major provisions of the new law and speak to many of the questions and myths associated with it. There will be a chance to ask questions and think about major issues such as the high cost of medical care, the future of Medicare, end of life issues, and mandatory health insurance.

Dr. Kozel deals with many of these issues in her regular blogs for the Huffington Post. She has also published a book, "The Color of Atmosphere: One Doctor's Journey In and Out of Medicine," reflecting on her years of experience as a practicing pediatrician in Rhode Island. The book describes her frustrations with the daily realities of medicine which made it increasingly difficult for her to serve the health needs of her patients, eventually leading her to leave her practice. She received her training at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Summer Plans With a Purpose

The pace of life today demands time for reflection. Time to get away from the stress, bother and activity of our workday weeks. Time for purposeful rest and renewal. For Christians, these times of retreat are even more important. It is in these moments that we are better able to talk with God and listen for guidance.

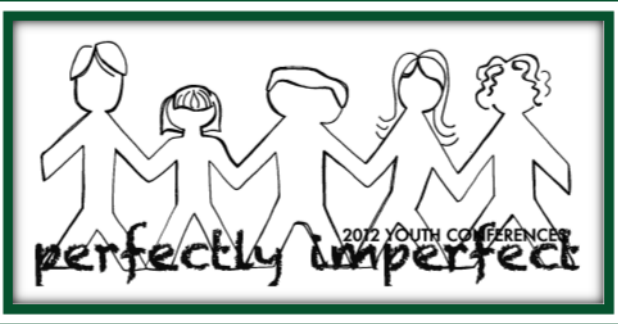
The Presbyterian Church (USA) recognizes the need for quality time and space for reflection and provides outstanding programs at its two national conference centers and locally at Meadowkirk. This summer, why not include Montreat, Ghost Ranch or Meadowkirk in your plans? Check out the Meadowkirk schedules for children and youth on the Christian Education bulletin board in the second floor hallway along with information on Montreat, Ghost Ranch, and Massanetta Springs programs.



MONTREAT - Located in the mountains of western North Carolina near Asheville, this 4,000-acre conference center offers week-long events in a variety of areas (e.g. Worship and Music, Christian Life, Women, Spirituality, Older Adults, Christian Education, Leadership, etc.). Six types of housing are available as well as Club programs for children and teens and some exciting opportunities for recreation. Remember: Montreat isn't just for youth! But ask them what a great place it is!!

GHOST RANCH - Located on a 21,000-acre working ranch near Santa Fe, NM, this unique conference center offers summer seminars for adults and carefully-planned programs for children and youth during the morning and evening hours to allow parents to participate in the studies. The high, dry climate provides warm bright days and cool, refresh-

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Already know you're ready to go?!

Secure your spot today with the early registration fee of \$250!*

The cost for registration goes up after January 15th and space is limited so get your check in today!

Please feel free to contact Becky Wood for more information at becky@chevyCHASEPC.org or by phone at (202) 363-2202 x29

*\$250 covers the registration cost for the conference. Food, transportation and housing are not included and will be determined in Spring 2012 depending on the number of youth attending.

Montreat Youth Conference

(Week 3: July 8-14, 2012)

Montreat is for those youth who are graduated 8th graders (entering 9th grade in fall 2012) through graduated 12th graders (graduating high school in 2012). All youth within these grades are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

"We will come together as a community of faith in this sacred place. Free of distraction, we will focus on the God who accepts us just as we are. While we have fun with friends, we will celebrate God through meaningful, creative and interactive worship. Youth will be inspired and challenged to affirm and deepen their sense of

Christian identity."

-MYC Planning Team

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ing nights in this beautiful setting.

MEADOWKIRK CAMP and RETREAT CENTER - is a ministry of our own National Capital Presbytery located on 358 acres of God's creation in Middleburg, Virginia (approximately 40 miles west of Washington, D.C.) This year's summer camp program will explore "Secrets of the Kingdom" through a variety of experiences for children and youth: Discovery Camp for Grades 1-3 on July 18-20; 8-Day Adventure Camp July 8-16 for Grades 8-10; Community Camp for Grades 3-4 (July 8-13 & 15-20), Grades 5-6 (July 8-13, 15-20, & 29-Aug. 3) and Grades 7-8 (July 8-13 & 29-Aug. 3.) Rustic Camp in the platform tent village for Grades 6-8 will be held July 15-20; Nite Owl Camp for those who prefer camp at night is offered for Grades 6-8 and 9-12, July 22-27; and Meadowkirk Adventure Camp for Grades 7-9, July 29-Aug. 3. **BROCHURES and APPLICATION FORMS** will be available from Lynn Jostes in March or you can visit the Meadowkirk website (www.meadowkirk.org) for more information or to register. Some scholarship funds for children and youth are available through the Christian Education Committee.

CCPC Youth Sunday!

Youth Sunday will be March 18th at both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Both services will be completely youth led and this experience is a really fun and interesting way for the youth to get involved in worship.

If you have a 6-12th grader who is interested in participating in Youth Sunday in any way - music, liturgy, creative arts, etc. - have them come to youth group!! We will begin to plan for Youth Sunday at our next youth group meeting on Feb 26th and will continue to work on Youth Sunday at youth group in March until March 18th when we lead worship. We hope to see you there!



Youth Group Activities March 2012

March 4th – Regular Meeting (Firesides Room, CCPC, 6-8pm). Dinner will be provided as we continue planning Youth Sunday! (...along with some other fun activities!)

March 11th – Regular Meeting (Firesides Room, CCPC, 6-8pm). Dinner will be provided as we finalize Youth Sunday plans!

March 17th – Youth Sunday Rehearsal (Sanctuary – likely 9-10:30a) for those involved in Youth Sunday

March 18th – Youth Sunday! Worship led by the youth of the church at both the 9:30 and 11am services. *Join us Sunday night from 6-8p in Firesides for a party to talk about and celebrate the good work of Youth Sunday!*

March 25th – Regular Meeting (Firesides Room, CCPC, 6-8p). Dinner will be provided as we discuss what it means to be good Earth Stewards with members of the Earth Stewards team.

Please contact Becky Wood at Becky@chevychasepc.org for more information about any Youth Group activities.

DC Environmental Film Festival

CCPC is hosting a screening of *The Shattered Sky* as part of the DC Environmental Film Festival on March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

News of the changing environment is all around us. We are repeatedly told about problems and warned that we are failing to deal with them. It is helpful to think back about 30 years ago when the daily news was full of worries about the ozone layer above the earth and dire warnings that "life would never be the same." Not only that but we were making the problem worse through daily activities, such as refrigerating our food and running the AC.

The Shattered Sky tells the story of how America led the way in dealing with the ozone problem. It is important to recall and learn from this gripping story, and celebrate our victories.

Join us in viewing this world premiere of a gripping film. The producers will be present and lead a discussion following the film.

On March 25, 2011 our open doors will be open *even wider* so that you can

see for yourself what Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church Worship Services are like
hear our excellent musicians and the excited sounds of all the kids in our congregation
be in **touch** with neighbors and friends and issues that impact our lives
and **taste** and **smell** the breakfast goodies we have to eat after services!

Come to Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church's Open House Sunday, March 25, 2011

Activities that day – You are welcome to any and all!

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship Service, includes a time with children before Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m.** Kids go to Sunday School from the worship service
- 9:45 a.m.** Adult Education Courses:
 - The Bible in Context—*The Gospel of Mark*
 - Faith Trek—*The Misunderstood Jew: The Scandal in the Church of the Jewish Jesus*
 - Open Forum—Inside South Sudan
- 10:30 a.m.** Goodies, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Lemonade in Chadsey Hall
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m.** Goodies, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Lemonade in Chadsey Hall

FOCUS in March 2012

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

What's FOCUS?

FOCUS is our adult education series at CCPC highlighting various aspects of the adult journey: Faith...Outreach...Community...Understanding...Spirituality

When is it?

FOCUS courses run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday evening during Lent.

What About Dinner?

Dinner and fellowship is available for everyone from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in Chadsey Hall (\$8.00/adult; \$3.00/children 3-10; children under 2 eat free. Reservations are required by Tuesday at noon). Come enjoy a meal with your church family even if you can't stay for a class! You don't have to cook, and you can't beat the price!

What if I can't get a babysitter?

Children are welcome for dinner, and childcare will be available during the classes as requested.

Our next series of classes will feature options exploring faith in art, Holy Week, climate change, and yoga. Check out the class descriptions and watch for a brochure with all of the details and registration information coming to your home in February!

Faith and the Visual Arts – Throughout the centuries, the visual arts have brought life and joy and sometimes intrigue to faith as artists form images into profound expressions of prayer and praise. The visual arts help the Church rehearse and remember the biblical story, inspire congregations to worship more deeply, and deepen times of personal devotion and prayer for individuals. Works of art help us to understand more fully God's presence, the scriptures, ourselves and the world God loves, and thus strengthen our connection with the Divine. In these weeks you are invited to explore various aspects of Faith and the Visual Arts, and to be inspired and challenged to celebrate and practice God's gift of creativity. Meets in Geneva Hall on the second floor of the Education Building.

March 1 – *Art and the Holy*. As the series begins, guest presenter, Catherine Kapikian, Founder and Director Emerita of the Henry Luce III Center for Arts and Religion at Wesley Theological Seminary, will offer an overview of the relationship of Faith and the Visual Arts, and then share her work as a site-specific, visual artist who works with the members of congregations to create visual art for their religious spaces.

March 8 – *Contemporary Art: How Spiritual?* CCPC members Jean Cohen and Allison Marvin will help participants consider 20th- and 21st-century art, its spiritual implications (whether intentional or not) and its capacity to nurture people of faith. Join us as we consider issues including expressions of faith (some controversial), the shared nature of art and religious belief, liberating encounters with abstraction (beyond “graven images”) and inspirational works in secular venues like the National Gallery of Art (Barnett Newman's “Stations of the Cross”) and at ecumenical sites like the Menil Collection's Rothko Chapel.

March 15 – *SoulCollage® and the Spirit*. Leader Theresa Walker invites you to consider, “What is the still, small voice within telling you? What do you need to know right now for your life's journey?” In this session, we will choose images, compose small collages, and engage in a brief writing exercise to clarify the meaning of our work. We will find joy and wisdom in the guidance we receive from our creations. Absolutely no artistic experience needed. All art materials included. Bring a pen and notebook.

March 22 – *Iconography through the Ages*. Come explore various signs and symbols (iconography) in Christian art throughout history. CCPC member Bethany Velasco will lead the class in discussing the immense power of the icon, and the Presbyterian Church USA's use of images today.

March 29 – *Artful Meditation*. Join practicing artist and CCPC member Carol Rubin in a hands-on class and create artwork in a meditative spirit. The goal will not be a final product, but an experience of the

process of using some "contemporary icons" and careful observation to enhance spiritual meditation. NO prior artistic experience is needed.

Journey Through Holy Week – You are invited to journey with CCPC staff leaders through Holy Week, the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from Palm Sunday to his death on Good Friday in preparation for his rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. Too often we would prefer to avoid the intensity of the emotions and events of this important week, but through honest Bible Study and reflection we can more genuinely understand and participate in the passion of our Savior. Meets in the Library on the first floor of the center building.

March 1 – PALM SUNDAY with the Rev. Jane Duffield, Interim Associate Pastor at CCPC.

March 8 – THE IN-BETWEEN DAYS with the Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Senior Pastor at CCPC.

March 15 – MAUNDY THURSDAY with the Rev. Dr. Robert Angus, Parish Associate at CCPC.

March 22 – GOOD FRIDAY with the Rev. Lynn Jostes, Associate Pastor for Christian Nurture at CCPC.

March 29 – RESURRECTION SUNDAY with the Rev. Dr. Ed White, Parish Associate at CCPC.

Global Climate Change: Hot Air or the Cold Truth? CCPC members and Earth Stewards Dennis Leister and Rosemary Killen invite you to attend this 5-week class to examine the current status of evidence and attitudes toward global climate change focused in two films and the executive summary of the assessment of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC.) Meets in Firesides on the second floor of the Education Building.

March 1 – Our first class will view and discuss "Earth: The Operators' Manual" hosted by Penn State geologist Richard Allenby (part of the PBS TV series that premiered in April 2011.) This film addresses how we know that global heating is happening and how we can address this with changes to our energy generation and consumption practices.

March 8 – We will begin reviewing and discussing the IPCC 4th Assessment Report (AR4) on Global Climate Change issued in 2007, using the Summary Report with its many charts and graphs to understand the conclusions of this UN panel.

March 15 – Continue reviewing the IPCC 4th Assessment Report

March 22 – CCPC is once again hosting a film for the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital. This year, we are pleased to offer the world premiere of the film "Shattered Sky" which explores parallels between how the world reacted to the ozone hole in the Arctic caused by CFCs and how the world is reacting to increasing evidence supporting global warming. The film will be shown in the Sanctuary and the filmmakers plan to attend to answer questions at the end of the screening.

March 29 – The conclusion of our study of the IPCC 4th Assessment Report.

What's the Big Deal about Yoga? Have you wondered about yoga – why is it so popular? Is it a religion? Is it an exercise program? If you have never practiced yoga and want a primer on what it is and what it can do for you and your spiritual journey, this is the class for you. Leader Meg Artley will encourage the class to read about, discuss and experience each one of the eight limbs of yoga through the practice of asanas (poses). After this class, participants will have a good foundation on which to build in any beginning to intermediate level class if they wish to continue with yoga. Wear comfortable clothing that you can bend and stretch in and bring a yoga mat. Meets in Room 350A-B on the third floor of the Education Building.

Special Pre-FOCUS Opportunity!! Bell Ringing for Beginners

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 in Room 300

Join Joann Moorer for one week or any or all of the five to learn the basics of bell ringing. We'll talk about the history of handbell ringing, learn some basic techniques, read some simple music together

and work together to make music. There will also be an optional opportunity to ring at the 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday service April 1, 2012.

No prior handbell experience or even music-reading is required!!

Come share in the festive joy of making music in a low pressure, fun environment.

Transition Assistance Program *up close*

Busy weekday mornings are nothing new for the volunteer interviewers and greeters in CCPC's Transition Assistance Program, our outreach mission to homeless and working poor residents. But it was still gratifying to receive this email from Church Administrator Ian Richardson on Feb. 3. While recording checks written on behalf of that day's clients, he noted that "today may have set a new all-time record, with 16 checks for a total of

\$481 being written on behalf of clients." This was in addition to Metro tokens and SmarTrip cards, money orders for entities that don't accept checks, "and most likely food and clothing, as well as friendship, advice and perhaps referrals to other agencies. All in one morning. This is a tangible measure of how much service TAP provides, and how hard the volunteers work!"

Each small check fills a critical need in a client's life. For example, the lack of a birth certificate can stand in the way of someone getting a job or applying for subsidized housing. TAP volunteers explain the process of obtaining ID documents and also provide a check for the application fee. Approximately 40 volunteers—from high schoolers to seniors—give 2,000 hours a year to TAP as interviewers, greeters, sandwich makers, and clothing sorters. As one longtime volunteer put it, "This is one way we bring the poor into our church so we can interact with them directly. Many of our clients are interesting people, so talking to them face to face is very rewarding."

Gifts Give Hope

This year the Gifts of Hope market raised \$25,300 to help those in need all around the world. Over 117 families and donors chose to give alternative gifts. The Sunday School students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes held bake sales for the three Sundays the market was open and raised \$230 for the Heifer Project

The most popular selection among the Heifer Project was the honeybees and their hives, chosen by 19 contributors, with flocks of chicks coming in a close second (18). Tree seedlings and sheep, with 11 and 10 donors, were next. Then there was one write-in for a llama and one for one-half of a sheep. One-tenth of a camel, or perhaps it was the camels themselves, proved profoundly unpopular, with only one sponsor.

A last minute appeal for Christmas groceries brought a great response, with over half the total being donated on the last Sunday of the market. Overall, the smiles on the faces of the shoppers spoke of cheerful giving—the best kind.



What's in Your Garage?

CCPC's Friends in Action Team could use a small miracle. We have been working with a Sudanese refugee family of five for about a year. The Mohameds spent 4 years in a Cairo refugee camp after leaving Sudan. They have been in Montgomery County for 2 years. With assistance from Interfaith Works, Montgomery County and others, the family has made positive strides in acclimating to the US. What they need now is a functioning car. A car would broaden the area for Risala and Elsadig's job searches, save them 3+ hours a day on the metro, help them select a day care facility for quality and cost - not one in walking distance, etc.

Please contact Carole Minor on 301-654-2896 or minor.cr@verizon.net with suggestions, questions or a set of keys.

CCPC Men's Ministry

Over the past five months three small groups of men have engaged in a pilot study project exploring masculine spirituality. On Sunday March 18th these men are meeting in Geneva Hall at 7:30 PM to explore future possibilities for ministry with men at CCPC. We invite you to join us. Actually we would encourage you to attend the Bach Marathon on Sunday afternoon which is followed by a dinner in Chadsey Hall. Then come join us in Geneva Hall at 7:30 p.m. Contact Dennis Wood or Ed White with any questions.

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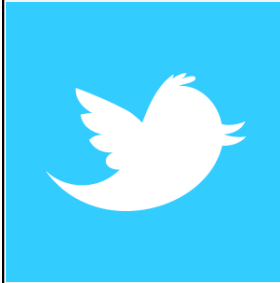
And, roughly quoting Brian McClaren from *A New Kind of Christianity*, “[Jesus gives us a story] – a story that sends us into the world with Christlike love for our neighbors of other religions, ..with humility and respect...; with a desire to understand, serve and know..., with a passion to share... because each have been given treasures for the common good.” pg. 223 -224.

What does scripture tell us about people of other faiths? God is often using the outsider to expand our understand of the wideness of God’s love. Wise men from the East, came and worshiped Jesus, as a new king of the Jews. They honored God’s revelation in a faith not their own. (Matt. 2:1-12). The prophet Isaiah speaks of the Temple as a house of prayer for all people (2 Chron. 6:32-33). The Apostle Paul finds commonality with the Greek philosophers in Athens as he says that God made everyone so that they may search for God and find God, “For ‘In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). And as Peter addresses “outsiders” he says: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him” (Acts 10:34).

~God's Blessings, Molly

Join us on Twitter!

CCPC is now on Twitter @ChevyChasePC! We’ll be tweeting to guide us through the Lenten journey together. Follow us for a short dose of inspiration and reflection in your days during the busy Lenten season.



Whether you’re already a Twitter lover, or don’t yet know what a Tweet is, we’ll help you keep Christ as your Center throughout the day.

Twitter is a social networking website that connects you to stories, idea, opinions and news from around the world. In recent years, it has played a role in revolutions and helped people get connected following natural disasters, as well as served as way to keep up with all the freshest ideas.

Twitter is based on short “bursts” of information that are called Tweets. Each Tweet is 140 characters long, but those short 140 characters can be packed with thoughtful information. CCPC will be sharing Bible verses, prayers, thoughts and devotions as focus on making Christ our Center this Lenten season.

Contact Megan at megan@chevychasepc.org with any questions.

Update on the Minister of Music Emeritus

Ken Lowenberg, CCPC’s Minister of Music Emeritus, marked 5 years since retiring from CCPC by inviting the CCPC Staff to his townhouse for lunch on August 23 (the day of the earthquake felt in the DC area!)

In his retirement, Ken is keeping busy substituting for colleagues at churches of many faiths most every Sunday morning. In addition, he played organ on a Benefit Concert at First Presbyterian, Arlington, Jan. 15; played organ at National Presbyterian Church for the Jan. 24 Presbytery meeting; Ken’s anthem “Prayer of Teresa of Avila” was sung by a massed choir at the VA Diocesan Eucharist at the Hyatt Hotel in Reston, VA (1/27); his Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis was sung by combined choristers at the Region III & IV Episcopal Choristers Festival at St. John’s Nor-

wood Parish (Sun. 2/5); and his “Creator of the Stars of Night” was presented at the Potomac AGO anthem reading session (2/13). Ken will be Accompanist of the annual Choristers’ Guild Festival and Service on Feb. 26 at Good shepherd Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg, with around 100 choristers singing under the direction of Michael Bedford. Ken will be one of the participants in the annual Washington Bach Marathon at CCPC March 18.

At CCPC, Ken is enjoying serving on the Flower Committee, attending as many services and concerts there as possible, and has been nominated to serve as a Deacon in the upcoming class of Elders and Deacons, a new challenge to which he greatly looks forward.

Easter Festival

Can you name 5 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 second annual Easter Festival, Saturday morning, March 24, 2012 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Chadsey Hall to explore these and other traditions of our most sacred season of the church year. We'll hear the story of Easter, make lots of crafts, hunt for eggs, decorate Easter cards for our homebound members, and enjoy some foods of the season. No reservations are necessary, just bring your friends and come join the fun.

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