

## Not Soon Enough

The crocus in my back yard are confused. They have already emerged from the ground and have reached the height of 4 to 5 inches. On warm days, I can see the buds still encased in green. And then on cold days, even freezing, I see the leaves nearly bending flat to the ground looking as if they have died. And then, much to my surprise, on the next warm day they are standing straight up trying once again to bloom.

I cannot blame them for being confused, it is a confusing time of year. The weather is confused, as if it cannot decide what to do. And the church calendar is confusing, too.

It seems we just celebrated Christmas. The Christmas lights are still on my garage. And now just eight weeks later we entered Lent. Jesus has just been born, and now he starts his way to the cross.

Even in this confusing time, our church calendar can help us prepare our hearts and souls for the journey toward Good Friday and Easter. Lent helps us to take one step at a time. Each week takes us further along the journey preparing us for death and resurrection.

During Holy Week the steps along the journey drive us deeper into the transformation from death to life. We join the parade into Jerusalem with Jesus riding on a donkey on Palm Sunday.

On Maundy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper with a solemn service of communion. Last year we also began a tradition of celebrating a Seder, a symbolic dinner remem-

bering the journey of the Exodus, the Passover of God and the Hebrew slave's freedom from slavery and new life as free people. Christians celebrate the Seder to remember that Jesus celebrated a Seder on the night of the Last Supper. Jesus leads us on an Exodus from our slavery to sin toward the new life we have in the grace of God.



Our celebration of the Seder comes immediately before the solemn service of communion. The Seder begins at 7 p.m. in Chadsey Hall and the Communion Service begins at 7:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. Those who come for the Seder may want to stay for Communion. However, each event can stand on its own.

Some additional things you should know about the Seder. It is intergenerational. Families and children are welcome, as are adults. This is not exclusively a children's event. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a whole family of faith. Also, the Seder dinner is not a full meal. It is a symbolic meal and is NOT meant to replace dinner, in other words, eat before you come.

The next step toward the Resurrection is the tenebrae service on Good Friday. At this service, we remember Jesus' death on the cross. And then on Easter Sunday, with great joy and wonder, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection to eternal life.

Yes, it is a confusing time of year. But for those who long for new life, Easter cannot come soon enough.

God's Blessings, *Molly*

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*The deadline for April's Gateway is March 7*

- March 3 Lent, Week 3**  
**Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
 The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated  
**MUSIC:**  
 9:30—*First Service Singers*  
 11:00—*Chancel Choir*
- March 10 Lent, Week 4**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
**MUSIC:**  
 9:30—*Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers*  
 11:00—*CCHBR and Chancel Choir*
- March 17 Lent, Week 5**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Jane Duffield will be preaching*  
 Hunger Offering  
**MUSIC:**  
 9:30—*Revelations Guitar Group w/ guest fiddler*  
 11:00—*Chancel Choir*
- March 24 Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
**MUSIC:**  
 9:30—*Carol & Junior Choir, First Service Singers*  
 11:00—*Chancel Choir*
- March 28 Maundy Thursday**  
**Seder Dinner at 7 p.m.**  
**Service at 7:30 p.m.**  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
**MUSIC:**  
*First Service Singers*
- March 29 Good Friday**  
**Stations at the Cross at 1:10 p.m.**  
**Service at 7:30 p.m.**  
*The Rev. Jane Duffield will be preaching*  
**MUSIC:**  
*The Chancel Choir*
- March 31 Easter Sunday**  
**Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
**MUSIC:**  
 9:00—*Chancel Choir, Handbells, Brass*  
 11:00—*Chancel Choir, Handbells, Brass*

*Worship Schedule*

## Good Friday

### **Stations of the Cross** **Friday, March 29**

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

#### **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.**

and conclude with refreshments around 2:30

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.



### *Seder - A Ceremonial Dinner* **Thursday, March 28**

#### **7:00 - 7:40 p.m. in Chadsey Hall**

*Join us as we retell the story of the liberation of  
 the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.*

#### **7:45- 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Maundy Thursday Service

Seder customs include drinking four cups of wine, eating matza, partaking of symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder Plate and celebrating freedom. At CCPC, all the generations of our church family gathers for this ritual and symbolic feast and then proceed to Maundy Thursday worship in the "upper room" of the sanctuary, where we hear of Jesus' last Passover supper and share the cup and the bread of salvation.

**MUSIC IS STRONG AND IMPORTANT AT CCPC. We are blessed with the gifts of our many choir volunteers and three professional leaders who help lead and enliven worship each Sunday.**

Our newest member is **Bryan Vanek, Bass**. Bryan is a senior undergraduate in the composition and music education programs at the University of Maryland. He has studied with Dominic Cossa and has been a part of the UMD Chamber singers ever since his freshman year. Upon graduation, Bryan intends to pursue a masters in composition and ethnomusicology.

**Tanya Coyne** is in her sixth year as alto section leader and is the director of the Lower School Chorus and National Cathedral School.

This is **Sam Keeler's** second year as our tenor section leader. Sam is in his second year in the Opera Department at UMD.

Upcoming Concerts

**Julie Evans' Organ Concerts:**

February 26  
King's Chapel  
Boston, MA

March 1  
Trinity, Copley Square  
Boston, MA

March 17  
36<sup>th</sup> Annual Bach Marathon  
Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

April 11  
Adolphus Busch Hall  
Harvard University  
Boston, MA

# easter FESTIVAL

**Saturday, March 16, 9-11 a.m.**

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 second annual **Easter Festival** 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, bring your friends and come join the fun.



## **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Bach Marathon March 17**

- 2:00 Julie Vidrick Evans**, Director of Music, The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church
- 2:30 Erik Wm. Suter**, former Organist at Washington National Cathedral
- 3:00 Chuyoung Suter**, Yale School of Music, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Silver Spring
- 3:30 Colin MacKnight**, Undergraduate Student, The Julliard School
- 4:00 Victoria Shields**, Eastman School of Music; Organist, The Falls Church
- 4:30 Jason Kissel**, Peabody Conservatory; Director of Music and Organist at The First & Franklin Street Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, MD
- 5:00 Grace Kim**, DMA student, Catholic University of America
- 5:30 Reneé Anne Louprette**, Assistant Organist and Director of Music, Trinity Church, Wall Street, NYC
- 6:00 David Christopher**, DMA Candidate at Peabody Conservatory
- 6:30 Sarah Jane Starcher**, Organist, Church of the Holy Innocents, NYC; student, Columbia University

## Adult Education and Nurture at CCPC: March 2013

### Sunday Mornings

*All Adult Sunday Morning Classes take a break on Sunday, March 31 for Easter Sunday worship at 9 and 11 a.m.*

**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. Contact Margaret Chan (301-656-5034) with 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 March for these discussions:

**March 3: Bread for the World's International Agenda**– Asma Lateef, director, Bread for the World Institute, will discuss the tremendous progress the world has made against hunger and poverty and the drivers of this progress. She will pose the intriguing question, “Are there reasons to be hopeful that the world could be free of hunger and extreme poverty within a generation?” Ms. Lateef is responsible for implementing the Institute’s research and education on policy issues related to domestic and global hunger and poverty. She has a master’s degree in economics and 17 years of experience in public policy.

**March 10 : Bread for the World, Hunger in the United States**– Todd Post, Senior Editor of Bread for the World Research Institute, will talk about the persistence of hunger in the United States, its causes and consequences for individuals and society. He will also talk about how the one thing preventing us from ending hunger in this country is a lack of political will to confront the problem. For the past nine years, Mr. Post has been the editor of an annual briefing paper on hunger in America.

**March 17: Shikokho Update**– Dr. Jim Shelhamer and Sally Kelly, will report about the January mission trip to Shikokho and provide an eyewitness account of what CCPC is doing to improve the lives of those living in this Western Kenyan village. CCPC funds medical care, clean water, educational and orphan feeding programs in Shikokho. Recently, partnering with the Women’s Microfinance Initiative, CCPC established a micro-loan program in Shikokho that will allow for business development in the village with the goal toward self-sustainability.

**March 24:** Palm Sunday– NO CLASS (subject to change)

**March 31:** Easter Sunday– NO CLASS

**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*. The class is 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. All are welcome to explore this fascinating book with us!

**March 3** – John 12:27-50, Jesus speaks about his death

**March 10** – John 13, Jesus washes the feet of his disciples

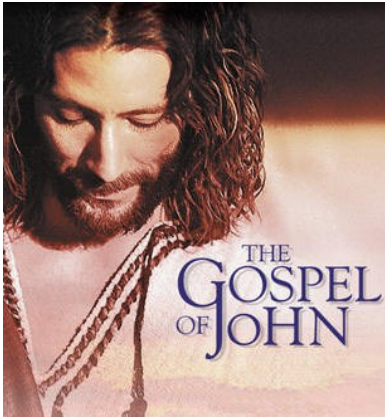
**March 17** – John 14, Jesus the way to the Father

**March 24** – John 15, Jesus the true vine and the worlds’ hatred

**March 31** – NO Class; Happy Easter!!

### Wednesday Mornings (Bi-Monthly)

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group holds its twice a month study of the Gospel of Matthew in Geneva Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact Grace Hyslop or study leader, Lynn Jostes, for more details or to purchase a studybook. Come join us!



The Bible in Context class invites you to join them for a screening of the award-winning movie of *The Gospel of John* on Sunday, April 7 at 12:30 p.m. in Geneva Hall.

## Next Inquirers' Seminar: April 21

The next Inquirers' Seminar of the program year will be offered on **Thursday, April 21 from 12:15 to 4 p.m. in Geneva Hall**. This session is open not only to those who may have decided to become members, but also to persons 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 in ministry at CCPC. Those choosing to join will do so on April 28. If you are interested in participating in the seminar on April 21 (or know someone who may be interested), contact Associate Pastor Lynn Jostes at 202/363-2202 or [lynn@chevychasepc.org](mailto: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.

## FOCUS Preview

*Faith... Outreach... Community... Understanding... Spirituality*  
**April 4, 11, 18 & 24**

**FOCUS** (CCPC's Adult Education series that highlights aspects of the adult journey) will offer a new series of classes on Thursdays in April. **FOCUS** courses (from 7:30 – 9 p.m.) are open to the members and friends of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church and the larger community. **Dinner and fellowship is from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in Chadsey Hall** (\$8/adult; \$3/children 3-10; children under 2 eat free; RESERVATIONS 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!!** The next series of classes, to be held on the four Thursdays in April will feature these options:

1. ***An Eastertide Journey through the New Testament*** – Eastertide is the 50 day period between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. Come journey with Associate Pastor Lynn Jostes in exploring the events, people and practices which highlight this joyous season of the church year. *Meets in the Library on the first floor of the center building.*
2. ***Being Prepared!*** Emergency Preparedness has become a watchword for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, made necessary because of natural and man-made happenings in our world today. Mary Lasky, a CCPC member and Coordinator of the Incident Command System Team of the Applied Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, has organized an impressive series of classes focused on practical plans for emergency situations at home as well information about what is being done in the community. This class is for parents and citizens and all those seeking to be prepared in emergency situations. *Meets in Room 350A on the third floor of the education building.*
3. ***Singing our Faith.*** The Scripture exhorts us to “sing songs and hymns and spiritual songs” (Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16). You are invited to join CCPC Director of Music, Julie Vidrick Evans to lift your voice in singing (reciting and considering!) songs of our faith through the richness of the Book of Psalms and our hymnals...past, present and future. *Meets in Geneva Hall on the second floor of the Education Building.*
4. ***Timeless Issues in Ibsen Plays*** – Called “the father of 20th century drama,” Henrik Ibsen gained fame as an author of historical verse plays. In mid-career, he boldly transformed himself into a realist whose works attacked the hypocrisy and repression of 19<sup>th</sup> century society. Popular play-reading facilitator, Fredericka Berger and her son, Conrad Berger, will lead the group through reading the plays (“A Doll’s House,” “An Enemy of the People,” “Ghosts,” and the “Master Builder”) aloud and discussing them from a 21<sup>st</sup> century perspective. *Meets in Firesides on the second floor of the Education Building.*



Please save the date in your calendar NOW for The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Steak Cookout** for Saturday, September 14 from 3:30 p.m. till dusk. We look forward to this traditional fall fellowship event.

## Anti-Gun Violence Initiative Launched

Every Day, 33 Americans die as a result of gun violence. The Mission Committee is organizing an initiative to keep interested CCPC members informed about what is happening in our community and legislatively and to share ideas and information. To be a part of this initiative, send your e-mail address to [jennychesky@mris.com](mailto:jennychesky@mris.com).

Check next month's *Gateway* for details about an April Open Forum series on Gun Violence in America lead by one of the denomination's leading voices on this subject, the Rev. Jim Atwood, author of "America and its Guns, A Theological Expose."

## 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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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number or email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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.*

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”* Hebrews 13:16

As part of our Lenten preparation for Easter, CCPC joins churches throughout the country to raise money for the “One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.” This ecumenical endeavor was begun soon after the end of World War II and supports projects aiding the needy in the USA and abroad. It is noteworthy that Presbyterian churches sent almost \$7 million in 2012 to support Presbyterian ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food assistance, and community development. These efforts helped people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Consider some recent activities funded by our One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, Through our disaster assistance program we helped restore life and hope out of chaos by rebuilding a fishing community left in tatters in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. We provided food and shelter to those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti. We helped build “Faith Village” in Smithville, Texas, after the most destructive wildfire in Texas’ history destroyed more than 1,600 homes.

One Great Hour of Sharing also funds ongoing development needs. A water project in Niger supported by the Presbyterian Hunger Program enabled 35 rural villages to get access to clean drinking water through drilled wells. This will improve agriculture and directly improve nutrition in the villages.

Warriors on Wheels, an organization in Detroit working to empower and advocate for disabled people, received a grant from Presbyterian Self-Development of People to repair and retrofit a bus with accessibility controls, allowing disabled people to attend meeting, events, and advocacy activities.

This year’s One Great Hour of Sharing theme is “Sharing Brings Joy—to Others, to God, and to Us.” CCPC’s 2012 contribution was \$10,152. Please pray about whether you can increase your share in this year’s special offering which will be received on Palm Sunday, March 24.



## 20 years of CCPC Mission Work

This year marks the 20 year anniversary when a little-known project began that delivers leftover bakery goods to a local food kitchen. The need arose when CCPC discontinued the program that provided one week of overnight sleeping accommodations and meals for the homeless. Our contacts for leftover bakery donations from Marvelous Market revealed that most leftovers were taken to the dumpster. To avoid this awful waste of fresh bakery products, another place of need was found. Miriam’s Kitchen was the place.

A small dedicated team of CCPC members delivered leftover bread and baked goods to Miriam’s Kitchen weekly. When the Marvelous Market closed, Panera Bread on Willard Avenue offered to donate their leftovers.

Our relationship with Panera Bread is now going into its 15th year. Every Monday evening, a team members arrives at closing time to pick up the donation. It is not unusual that the “pick-up” consists of three trash bags filled with bagels, cardboard trays of pastry, loaves of bread, and coffee cakes. The Panera Bread manager reports that the donation value is typically between \$300 and \$500.

Last year, Miriam’s Kitchen found another source for its bread needs, and Shepherd’s Table in Silver Spring became the new recipient. The donations are delivered Tuesday morning. Managing a large food kitchen is not a simple task. Dependability and regularity are very important. We take pride that the CCPC delivery team has lived up to this motto. It is a rare that a Monday evening pick-up with a Tuesday morning delivery has been missed.

Many CCPC members have served on this mission over the years. Current members are: Arnie Brooks, Campbell Graeub, John Hyslop, David Patterson, Bob Wood and Dennis Wood. The project runs smoothly, with each member assuming the responsibility one week per month. There is no team captain, except for John Hyslop who prepares a yearly pick-up schedule.

# Investing in Our Legacy

If you looked up into the “heavens” on January 11, then you may have noticed Ian Richardson, our church administrator, on the roof of the Education Wing. He has just started the Property Condition Assessment (PCA) commissioned by the Administration and Finance (A&F) Committee. His starting point with the professional engineers was the cooling tower. The PCA will provide CCPC with a detailed picture of the age and condition of the major building components, and how the deferred maintenance has affected its life span. A PCA is similar to a residential inspection before one buys a house.

As the church facilities continue to age, CCPC is experiencing increasingly frequent and expensive facility and infrastructure maintenance, as well as repair and component replacement issues – all competing for immediate attention and funds. To prepare for a solid capital budget that will address near-term issues as well as future anticipated capital costs, CCPC needs the following: the expertise of a professional facilities engineer, the use of widely accepted industry-standard inspection protocols, a top-to-bottom inspection of CCPC’s facilities, and the development of a comprehensive facility condition report that will project priorities and capital needs for the next 10 to 15 years.

Repair items that need to be addressed include, but are not limited to, water intrusions (primarily in Chadsey Hall), heat pumps breakdowns in the Education Wing that are nearing the end of their useful lives, water leaks and structural degradation as a consequence of the water leaks to the stair tower next to Johnson Chapel, and the age of the central heating and cooling machinery for the sanctuary. These items are all in addition to routine repair items, such as painting and carpet replacement, that have been postponed.

The PCA will be completed in February 2013. The findings of the report will be used as a starting point for the CCPC 2014 budget so that we can more accurately reserve funds for the inevitable repairs and replacements of these expensive building components.

The last major repair project undertaken by the A&F Committee was the Education Wing roof replacement, costing approximately \$98,000. It included reroofing several dormers. We have been blessed with a lovely worship facility that was made possible by the legacy created by all the members before us and the Living Stones campaign of 2003 that restored the sanctuary building.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ian Richardson or Mark Fernandez ([fernandez.a.mark@gmail.com](mailto:fernandez.a.mark@gmail.com)).



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*Christ our Center. Children our Blessing. Justice our Passion.*

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