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A News Update

So much has been happening in our church life that it is hard to keep up with it all. Sometimes we just need to stop, take a breath, and look around at what is going on. So here it is.

The report of the Marriage Task Force was considered at the Session meeting on April 16. The MTF presented findings from twenty-one months of research into church policy, pertinent church theological documents, discussions held within the congregation and much more. The MTF recommended that CCPC work within the PC (USA) to change the denomination's stance on same-sex marriage. After considering the report, **the Session voted to strongly advocate for the right of same-sex couples to have a Christian marriage in the Presbyterian Church (USA); and to do this advocacy within the church systems of governance.** A team is coming together to discuss strategies of advocacy and how to have the most impact. If you are interested in working to make Christian Same-Sex Marriage legal in the PC (USA) please email me at molly@chevychasepc.org. The Marriage Task Force is to be congratulated for their thoughtful, caring and prayerful work. The web resource page they developed for CCPC's website has become a resource for other churches. Many thanks to Betty Kay Kindred, Rich Lindahl, Grace Hyslop, Julia Fegley, Carol Crawford and Britt Reynolds.

The Session also voted to take the next steps in hiring a new Associate Pastor. Our Visioning Strategic Plan calls for a new Associate Pastor to take on the responsibilities for youth ministry, mission, pastoral care and the Board of Deacons. The Congregational Nominating Committee will begin a search for candidates to serve on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. When the APNC is formed, the search for a new Associate Pastor will begin.

Have you ever been to a pig roast? **Mark your calendars for the Pass the Plate Pig Roast on June 8, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kristen and Steve Best.** It is a fundraiser to help augment the church budget. There will be a roast pig, dancing, beverages, a silent auction and I have seen something about karaoke. It is bound to be one of the most fun fundraisers ever. Look for an email and buy your tickets early.

Many of you will also be wondering about what is happening with **the departure of our Church Administrator, Ian Richardson.** Ian has spent many hours training people to take over his various duties. Aimee Ranaivoarijaona, our Administrative Assistant, has taken over responsibility for the church membership database and the administration of the Columbarium. Members of the Administration and Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee are currently seeking a part-time Bookkeeper as well as looking into a Facilities Manager. In the interim period, members of the various committees will be filling in. Many, many people have come together to help and that is a wonderful testimony to the devotion and commitment of the congregation. **Our future success will require church members to remain more actively involved and continue to take responsibility for many of the tasks Ian took over through the years.**

We are blessed with a congregation of much talent, many skills, resources and the ability to serve God and have fun. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these or other projects please don't hesitate to get involved. It really is a wonderful joy to be a part of such meaningful endeavors.

God's Blessings,

Molly

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The deadline for June's Gateway is May 8

Worship Schedule

May 5 **Legacy Sunday**
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching
MUSIC:
9:30—First Service Singers
11:00—Chancel Choir

May 12 **Mother's Day**
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Lynn Jostes will be preaching
MUSIC:
9:30—First Service Singers
11:00—Chancel Choir

May 19 **Pentecost Sunday**
(Wear RED)
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching
MUSIC:
9:30—Carol and Junior Choir & Choir Recognition
11:00—Chancel Choir
4:00—Concert, Magnificat and arias by JS Bach Chancel Choir, Soloists and Orchestra

May 26 **Worship**
One Service at 10:00 a.m.
The Rev. Jane Duffield will be preaching
MUSIC:
10:00—DC Flutes, directed by Aaron Goldman Principal Flutist, National Symphony Orchestra

Children's Musical
Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet

Chevy Chase Concert Series

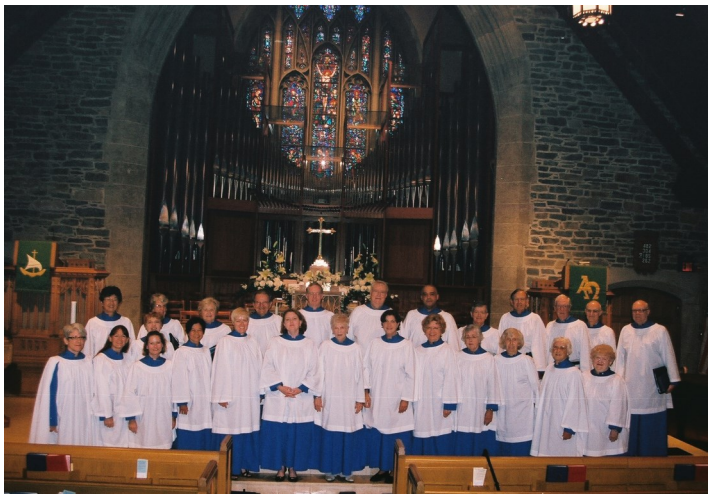
The 42nd Season of
CHEVY CHASE CONCERTS
Presents

CCPC Chancel Choir and Orchestra
May 19 at 4:00 p.m.

The featured work on this program will be J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, a masterwork for five soloists, five-part choir and orchestra.

Also on the program will be arias from several of Bach's cantatas featuring our wonderful soloists with instrumental obligato, plus *Sinfonia* to Cantata 169, Julie Evans, organ.

Your presence at this final concert is essential in the music making process, and so we look forward to seeing you on May 19 at 4:00 p.m. As always, a donation will be taken to defray expenses and a reception will follow in Chadsey Hall.



Upcoming Concerts

Julie Evans' Organ Concerts:

On May 30, Julie Vidrick Evans will present a concert as part of the Piccolo Spoleto Festival at the St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 405 King Street, Charleston, SC.

SAVE THE DATE

End-of-the-Year All Church Picnic

Sunday, June 2, 2013

Plan to join your church family for traditional picnic fare and fellowship!

The Revelations Guitar Group will be performing.

Adult Education and Nurture at CCPC: May 2013

Sunday Mornings

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 group is reading *Discerning the Signs of the Times: Sermons for Today and Tomorrow* by Reinhold Niebuhr. New members are invited to join the 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 May for these discussions:

May 5 – Miriam's Kitchen Advocacy Initiatives - Jean Badalamenti, advocacy specialist at Miriam's Kitchen will discuss the organization's current advocacy efforts to end chronic homelessness in the District of Columbia. She will focus on budget advocacy work and the critical role Permanent Supportive Housing plays in ending chronic homelessness, particularly the Housing First (PSH) program. Jean holds a MSW from Howard University and has worked in the District of Columbia non-profit sector for more than 20 years.

May 12 – The Early Signs of Alzheimer's Disease – Sangeeta Bhargarava, a volunteer speaker from the Alzheimer's Association, will discuss the 10 Early Signs of Alzheimer's Disease and the importance of early diagnosis. She will answer your questions about this disease that afflicts more than five million Americans and is the 6th leading cause of death in America.

May 19 – The Vatican and the Media- The Vatican has been in the news this year with the resignation of Pope Benedict and the election of Pope Francis as the new spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church. The Rev. Jane Duffield will discuss findings from her 2008 field study that explored the psychological, sociological and theological dynamics that drive the Vatican's communications program. The cornerstone of Rev. Duffield's research was an extensive interview with Father Frederico Lombardi, the Pope's press secretary and longtime director of Vatican Radio and TV, at his office in the Vatican.

May 26 – NO class; Memorial Weekend – summer worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

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. All are welcome to explore this fascinating book with us!

May 5 – John 19, The Work of the Spirit
May 12 – John 20, Jesus Prays for His Disciples
May 19 – John 21, The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus (final class of the program year)
May 26 – NO class; Memorial Weekend – summer worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

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 study book. Come join us!

National Capital Presbytery Women's Multicultural Gathering

Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Rejoicing in God's unfolding promise: "Come, bring who you are!" Together, let us Open the Door to the Spiritual Practice of Mutual Hospitality. Please register online by May 4 at: http://goo.gl/GrIau.
Join the conversation with other women from the Presbyterian Church!

Summer Sunday School Teachers Sought!!

Summer Sunday School begins on June 2 and continues through Homecoming Sunday, September 8 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Two to three classes for young children through second grade (completed) will be available, but only with your help. Teams of teachers are needed for each age group and a simple curriculum is provided to facilitate your teaching. Please check your calendar and see which Sunday you might be able to help! Sign-up sheets will be posted in Chadsey Hall in April-May during Sunday Brunch and Coffee Time for your convenience. You may also contact Kristen Riley (202)237-8336 or kriley8@msn.com) or Lynn Jostes at the church (202/363-2202 x 22 or lynn@chevychasepc.org) for more information or to sign up for this special opportunity to teach our youngest children. Thanks for your help!!

Pentecost Offering 2013

Pentecost is the time in our Christian faith that marks the end of the Easter season and celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles of Jesus empowering them for their mission and gathering His followers together as a church. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word *pentekostos* which means 50, and Pentecost is observed 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus.

The event is described in the New Testament in Acts, Chapter 2: *2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.* (Acts, Chapter 2, NIV)

Pentecost reminds us about the power of living each day with God's presence in our lives through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and applying those gifts to the needs of others in the community. In a personal way, it is also a time to honor Christ's sacrifice by demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit, such as love, joy, and peace every day.

The Church is central to God's work in the world, and CCPC is a very generous congregation with many examples of the Holy Spirit at work. CCPC has established programs that represent the power of the Holy Spirit both locally and internationally. Two of those important homegrown programs are **TAP (Transition Assistance Program) and many projects in the Village of Shikokho in Kenya.**

The theme of **CCPC's 2013 Pentecost Offering is *"Empowering Individuals for Self-Sufficiency at Home and Abroad"***. Your contributions to the Pentecost Offering will be divided evenly to support both the TAP and Shikokho programs. Over the next few weeks, you will be learning more about the important work of these two CCPC projects. The Offering will be collected throughout the month of May and will be dedicated on the Day of Pentecost on May 19. Please consider giving generously to honor the living example of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and extend that power to others.

Please save the date in your calendar NOW for The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church **13th 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.

Recycling Made Easy

Recently I had a bicycle to recycle, but I didn't know how to find an organization that did that. One of our Earth Stewards told me to go to CCPC's website. There I was able to link up with a local outfit, **Bikes for the World**, which refurbishes bikes and sends them to needy persons overseas. Although the organization is in Virginia, I was able to drop the bike and some cycling equipment, plus the requested $10 donation, to a volunteer near me in Bethesda. In a few days I received a receipt which said my bike was worth $55, which I can save for next year's taxes.

If you need recycling information, thanks to our Earth Stewards, you can go to the CCPC website. In the search function on the upper right hand side, type in **Earth Stewards** and then go to the article, "**Earth Stewards Additional Resources**." At the end of the article you can scroll through the list of items to find the one you are looking to recycle. You can also go to this website directly: http://search.earth911.com/ and start a search for a recycle location.

Thank you Earth Stewards!

Dottie Boerner

Columbarium Update & Call For Help

The Columbarium Committee has met to review the management requirements for the orderly transfer of Ian Richardson's Columbarium staff functions to Aimee Ranaivoarijaona. The staff tasks relating to the Columbarium are many, including entering and updating the computer stored data, maintaining hard files of contracts between purchasers and CCPC, meeting with interested parties wishing to purchase space, executing the required purchaser/CCPC agreement, keeping an inventory of urns, ordering plaques, and many other necessary details.

Up to now, Committee members have done most of the outside work, such as helping in the opening and closing of the niche, sealing the joints between the cap stones, installing the brass plaques, planting and maintaining colorful annuals, and overseeing the general maintenance. To assist members in some of these tasks, the Committee has an urgent CALL FOR HELP. There are only 6 members on the Committee and more "young blood" is needed to augment the ranks. The Committee needs to expand its membership. The duties are not onerous, members are not burdened, but an expanded roster is needed. The Committee meets perhaps once a year, and members are called on to assist with the above tasks when needs arise. On average, there are 5 inurnments a year, which means that a member might be called on 2 or 3 times a year to assist.

As reported in a previous Gateway, the first phase of the Columbarium extension has been completed. This has happened just in time since all 48 existing niches have been sold, except for four spaces which are on hold, and one space still available. The Session has approved the second construction phase. This new wall on the other side will be a mirror image of the just completed wall. Together the two-phased extension will add 22 niches, space for 88 urns. A contract with the Pereira Construction Company has been executed and work should start soon and be completed early this summer.

Committee members are Roy Cashion, Hugh Eagleton, Campbell Graeub, Derek Hawver, Ellen Lee and Dick Riegel. If you are interested and able to join us, please contact any member. You are encouraged to do so.

Save the Date!!
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Pass the Plate Pig Roast
Saturday, June 8 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
At Kristen & Steve Best's home

An all-adult party benefitting the programs & ministries of CCPC
Join us for great barbecue and fellowship, dancing, karaoke and a silent auction
It's going to be great!!

TAP Sees Big Increase in Clients

The Transition Assistance Program saw a whopping 21 percent increase in the number of clients served in 2012 compared with the year before. A total of 1,045 clients made 1,654 visits. Two-thirds of the people seeking help were homeless—living in a shelter, halfway house, transitional housing, recovery program or on the street.

Here are a few more highlights from the latest annual report:

TAP helped 848 people obtain birth certificates and 410 get non-driver photo IDs which are required for jobs, training programs, and subsidized housing. Nearly $20,000 of the budget went to transportation—subway and bus fare—so clients could commute to a new job while awaiting a first pay check or attend a training program until their subsidy arrived.

TAP's 40 volunteers--from high-school students to retirees--worked as interviewers, greeters, clothing sorters, sandwich makers and advisory board members. They handled the increased workload along with TAP's contract outreach worker Juan Carlos Benavides. Church Administrator Ian Richardson also provided invaluable help. To read more of the annual report, go to the church's website or pick up a printed copy in the Narthex.

What to do This Summer? Be a Summer Intern at TAP!

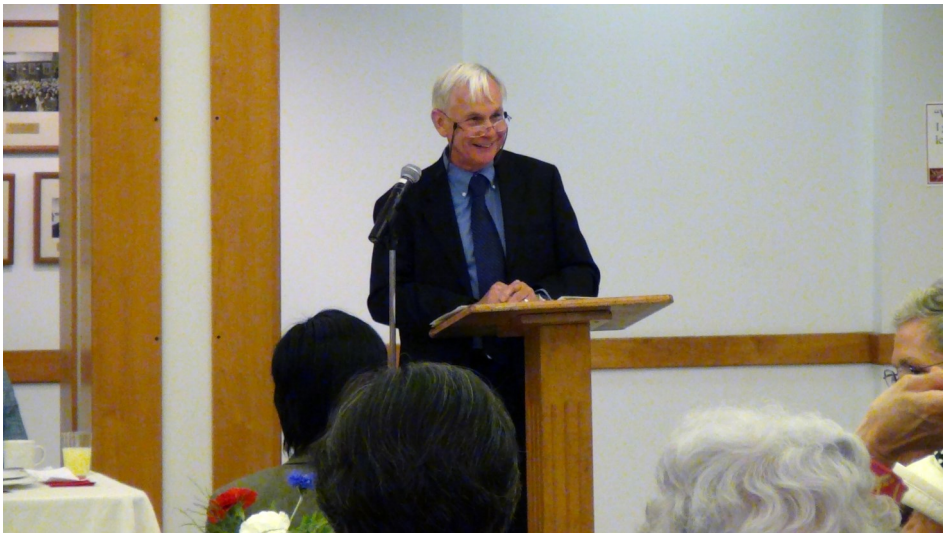
The **Transition Assistance Program (TAP**), an outreach mission of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, provides direct services to working and unemployed, often homeless, individuals who come to the church for assistance. The program is looking for summer interns entering the 10th grade or higher who would like to volunteer up to three mornings a week at the church over the summer. Duties involve greeting clients, registering clients, serving sandwiches and juice, answering the phone, writing checks and other office duties as directed by TAP's experienced volunteers and paid staff. This also qualifies as community service commitment hours required by some schools. TAP is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call or contact Sue De La Torre at 301-589-0397 or sdelator2@msn.com.

Thank You

Dear Friends:

Words cannot begin to express my appreciation for the wonderful retirement celebration you gave me on April 21st, for the inspiring music at the preceding service, for the generous purse, for the Stained Glass Window book, and perhaps most of all for the countless personal e-mails, phone calls, cards and notes you have sent me wishing Ruthi and me the best for the future.

It has truly been a privilege to be part of the CCPC team. I am leaving with a heart full of wonderful memories of friends and good times, and I wish the best for all of you, both personally and for CCPC as a whole.

Thank you,

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