

## Map Making

Yesterday we received a phonebook. It was wrapped in plastic and thrown on the driveway with the newspapers. "Look," I said to my husband, "a phonebook!" I wondered if our children would even know what a phonebook is. Other than the church directory, I rarely use a phonebook. I google phone numbers of businesses. Same for maps. I use a GPS to find my way or get directions online at mapquest. I rarely think about consulting a paper map. Yet, we are making one.

By *we*, I mean CCPC. We have identified our vision: to make the love of God in Jesus Christ the center of our lives, to equip our children and youth in the faith, and to work in the world for justice. Over the past few months a Task Force has been working on a strategic plan that will help us implement our vision.

Last spring the Session authorized the formation of the Visioning Task Force Phase 2, (VTF2), and charged the Task Force to create a plan to implement our vision. The Session gave recommendations for who should serve. Our mapmakers are: Christy Schmidt and Dennis Wood from the Session, John Cox, Howard Davis, Linda Ertz, Brad Hunter, Rita Stephan, Rita Teresa and myself as Senior Pastor. We are also working with Rev. John Wimberly as a consultant to the process.

VTF2 has been clarifying goals and objectives drawn from our Visioning Report, analyzing data from surveys taken at the last congregational meeting, and is beginning to map out a plan to reach our goals. Over the next two months, a draft of the Strategic Plan will be given to the various boards and committees to complete the strategies, determine measures for success, and identify the resources needed.



In all of this, VTF2 is working to align our organizational structure and resources to best realize our vision. The Task Force intends to complete its work in the spring of next year. At that time VTF2 will present the Strategic Plan to the Session for approval. And then, we will have our map.

In this season of giving thanks, I am grateful for the vitality and creativity of this congregation, the dedication and devotion of members, and the energy of the

Holy Spirit moving among us. I look forward to using our "paper" map.

God's Blessings,

*Molly*

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# November Worship Schedule

- November 4**    **Stewardship Commitment Sunday**  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
**Service at 10:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
**MUSIC:** *Carol Choir, Junior Choir, and Chancel Choir*
- November 11**    **24th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Service at 10:00 a.m.**  
*The Rev. Jane Duffield will be preaching*  
The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated  
**MUSIC:**  
9:30—*Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers*  
11:00—*Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers and Chancel Choir*
- November 18**    **25th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Open House Sunday**  
**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*
- November 25**    **Christ the King**  
**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, Tanya Coyne, soloist*



## Chevy Chase Concert Series



### Maryland State Boy Choir Sunday, November 4—4 p.m.

Founded in 1987, the Maryland State Boychoir performs throughout the State of Maryland, the Kennedy Center, the White House and the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, as well as touring abroad. The touring choir, composed of about 20 unchanged voices and 15 changed voices, presents programs ranging from Renaissance to contemporary styles.

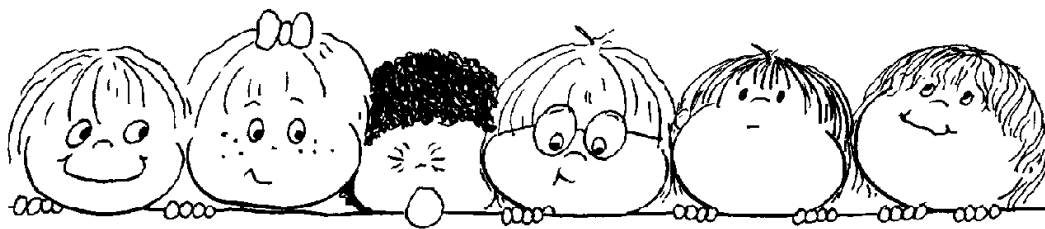
### A Chevy Chase Christmas Sunday, December 16—4 p.m.

As essential to the Christmas season as holly and eggnog, this festival of seasonal music presented by the ringing and singing choirs of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church and audience carols never fails to be a highlight of pre-Christmas festivities. Bring the whole family to enjoy and to participate!

CCPC Director of Music Julie Vidrick Evans will be participating in a concert on Friday, November 2 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke, VA.

### Home Communion

On November 11, CCCP's Elders and Deacons will serve the Sacrament of Communion to members unable to attend worship services. To request Communion, or for more information, please contact the Rev. Jane Duffield at 202-363-2202.



### Weekday Nursery School Tours

The **CCPC Weekday Nursery School** began its 55<sup>th</sup> year with 150 children lovingly cared for by a staff of 25. Monday-Friday, we have 14 classes of little ones 1-5 years old enjoying "learning through play". We extend an invitation to all parents to tour our school on Wednesday or Thursday mornings at 9:30 from now until the end of January. Please call the WNS Office, 202-363-2209, to schedule a tour or for more information.

# Adult Education and Nurture at CCPC

## November 2012

### Sunday Mornings

#### **Faith Trek** (Meets from 9:45 – 10:45 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. In September the group will continue its discussion of Frederick Buechner's book, *Longing for Home*, and invites new folks to join them as they choose their next topic/book. 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 September for these discussions:

##### **November 4 – Stewardship Sunday—no Open Forum**

##### **November 11 – Death with Integrity: Moral and Ethical Issues for a Dignified Death**

The Rev. Ruth Kent will discuss how to improve one's chances of dying in a manner one would like, what factors should be considered, and what plans need to be made. She also will discuss how faith can guide one's thinking on such issues. Rev. Kent, Chaplain at Ingleside at Rock Creek, is a former lawyer who worked in end-of-life law. She holds advanced certification in bioethics from the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown, is a long-time member of the Clinical Ethics committee at Children's National Medical Center, and is an adjunct instructor at George Washington University Medical School.

##### **November 18– Death with Integrity: Why are Advanced Directives and Living Wills Important?**

Beth Kreimeyer, a social worker from Montgomery Hospice, will discuss quality of life and end-of-life preferences. She will bring specific, localized (DC, VA, MD) forms for Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) requests, living wills, and durable power of attorney. Beth also will address strategies for approaching and successfully negotiating these often awkward conversations with family. Ms. Kreimeyer is a licensed clinical social worker with advanced certification in Hospice and Palliative Social Work. She holds an M.S.W. degree from the University of Maryland.

##### **November 25—Thanksgiving Weekend—No Open Forum**

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> century historical setting.

**November 4** - No Class

**November 11** – John 5:25-46, Jesus on his Sabbath work

**November 18** – John 6:1-24, The Bread of Life

**November 25** – John 6:25-71, The Bread of Life (cont'd.)

### Wednesday Mornings (Bi-Monthly)

**The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group** will begin a five-week study of the time *Between the Testaments* on Wednesday, September 12. The group meets **twice a month** in Geneva Hall usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Wednesdays from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.** More information is available from study leader, Lynn Jostes, or Grace Hyslop. Come join us as we explore this mysterious time of the Apocrypha, the Macabees, and Hanukkah. See you in class!

## The Needlework Group

By Florence Mills

**“Mother uses her lovely prayer shawl and stays comfortable and secure in our Lord’s blessings.”**

Prayer shawls and baby blankets are tangible expressions of God’s love, sources of warmth and comfort, and symbols of joy. Members of the Needlework Group hand-make each one as a unique creation. Then the Deacons and pastors give the blankets and shawls throughout the year to parents celebrating the joy of a new baby or to those who may need comfort. Because the items are easily mailed, CCPC also reaches out to those members no longer living in the Washington area as well as to friends of the congregation.

The Needlework Group is open to knitters, crocheters, and quilters of any skill level. More skilled members gladly teach the less skilled until everyone can complete beautiful shawls and blankets. The Group meets every Tuesday from 12:30pm to 2:30pm in the CCPC library.



The congregation has generously supported this mission through monetary donations to our yarn fund as well as gifts of yarn, which should be mostly washable, and fabrics, which are washable and suited for infants. To learn more about the group, make a donation, or join the Needlework Group, please contact Florence Mills, coordinator, at (202) 244-1136 or [florencemills@mac.com](mailto:florencemills@mac.com).

On Sunday, November 11, prayer shawls and baby blankets that have been recently created will be dedicated during both services. On that Sunday or when you see Marye Cotton, Mary Lee Maples, Ellen Erickson, Linda Erickson, Martha Dominico, Joy Graeub, Margaret Bacon, Ellen Nesheim, Sue De La Torre, Rita Teresa, Jann Connor, Luna Levinson, Dale Kasab, Janice Clark, Ching-mei Tsai, Annemarie Ralston, Alice Sheen, Mimi Morse, Christel Carlson or Grace Hylsop, let them know how much you appreciate the joy and comfort spread by the prayer shawls and baby blankets.

## Inquirers’ Seminar Scheduled

Our second Inquirers’ Seminar of the program year will be offered on **Sunday, November 11, 2012 from 12:15 to 3:45 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 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. If you are interested in participating in the seminar on November 11 (or know someone who may be interested), please contact Lynn Jostes, Associate Pastor 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.

## Save the Date to Deck the Halls!

Mark you calendar and plan to join your church family as we Deck the Halls on Friday evening, November 30! The fun begins with dinner (catered by Boston Market) at 6:00 p.m. in Chadsey Hall followed by creating Christmas decorations and door hangings for the church, decorating cookies and trees, sharing with others, singing carols, and enjoying being together. The cost of the evening is \$7.00 for adults (age 12 and up) and \$4.00 per child (age 4-11; younger children eat free). A nursery will be available for infants and young preschoolers. The evening will conclude by 8:30 p.m. Reservations (to the Church Office 202/363-2202) are appreciated, but not required, though they help us know how to plan!

## FOCUS Classes Continue on November 1 & 8!

This fall the Christian Education Committee invites you for a fourth year to **FOCUS!** This Adult Education initiative at CCPC is offered on Thursday evenings through November 8, and continuing with another series scheduled in the spring of 2013 (April 4, 11, 18, 25) **FOCUS** courses highlight various aspects of the adult journey...

**Faith...Outreach...Community...Understanding...Spirituality**

...and are open to the members and friends of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church and the larger community. Classes are held from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. with dinner available (\$8.00/adult; \$3.00/children 3-10; children under 2 eat free; RESERVATIONS REQUIRED) from 6:30 – 7:15 in Chadsey Hall, to facilitate participation by those persons coming straight from work. Childcare is also available as requested.

### Religion and American Politics: How Evangelicalism Displaced Protestantism

Nearly thirty percent of Americans now consider themselves Evangelical Christians, and mostly identify with the Republican Party. At the same time the number of Mainline or Liberal Christians is around fourteen percent of the population. Polls also show that the large majority of strongly religious people these days are Republican, while most members of the Democratic Party hold a more secular outlook. What caused the dramatic change from the 1950's? What exactly does the reversal of fortunes mean for politics and religion in contemporary America? What sense should Christians make of it, and how should they respond? Come explore these questions and others with David Little, and evaluate and expand the insights of American historian, David Hollinger, in an important article and assertions in a much-discussed book, *American Grace: How Religion Unites and Divides Us*, by political scientists, Robert Putnam and David Campbell. **Meets in Geneva Hall**

### Open Flow Yoga Continues at CCPC

The ancient practice of yoga *asanas* (poses) help us to be physically, emotionally and spiritually present to God. In Open Flow at CCPC, participants will have an opportunity to turn off the world and just be – reflecting quietly and individually on some of the more profound truths of our faith. An Open Flow class is for beginners and experienced practitioners alike and includes centering, *pranayama* (breathwork), flowing sequences of *asanas* that can get a heart pumping and muscles and tendons stretching, seated poses to cool down, and *savasana*, a pose of deep relaxation and rest. All of the practice is done in a calm atmosphere with soft, relaxing music.

There will be a \$10.00 per person fee for each session. Experienced drop-ins are welcome. *Meets in Calvin Hall (Room 350)*

### Sacred Mathematics

Certain numbers, ratios, and their geometric realizations have played a central role in the design of cathedrals, churches, temples, mosques, stupa, sacred groves and other places of religious experience. While these mathematical objects have interesting symbolic meanings, they also frequently have profound mathematical properties, for example the Fibonacci sequence and the golden mean. Philosophers and mystics have explored and meditated on these ideas for thousands of years, and now it's your turn! Join professional mathematician Rees Evans for a guided short course in sacred mathematics. We will examine the history of sacred mathematics and its manifestation in our current religious experience. These conversations will not require you to know any mathematics beyond that which you picked up in high school. **Meets in the Library**

For more information, or to  
register, visit  
[www.chevyCHASEPC.org](http://www.chevyCHASEPC.org)

We'll see you there!

## POINSETTIA & WREATH DEDICATIONS

The CCPC Flower Committee extends an invitation to members and friends of CCPC to participate in the Annual Christmas Flower Program. Your contributions make it possible to purchase poinsettias, flowers, and wreaths used to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Poinsettias 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 December 16, 2012 to the Church Office along with a check. Additional forms are available in the Narthex, on bulletin boards, or from the Flower Committee who will be Chadsey Hall during coffee hours on Sundays in Advent.

### Christmas Poinsettia Form

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

These flowers are dedicated to the following persons:

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Given by:

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Telephone number or email address:

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

*Make check payable to CCPC, noting Christmas flowers in the memo line.*

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

### A Clear View of The Birth of Jesus

The Christmas story is one of the best-known stories in the Bible. In fact, it's so well-known that most of us don't think to ask obvious questions about it. For example:

- Why didn't Mary and Joseph go to Elizabeth's house for the birth of Jesus? She lived nearby.
- Why were the people of Bethlehem so hard-hearted that no one offered to take Mary and Joseph in when "there was no room for them in the Inn?" Where was their sense of hospitality?
- If the Holy Family was in a dirty stable, why didn't the shepherds invite them to their homes once they arrived? Why would they let the Messiah sleep in a dirty stable?

Our sessions will begin with video input from Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey, a retired PCUSA pastor, theologian and professor who lived and taught in the Middle East for more than 40 years and provides a Middle Eastern perspective to the birth narrative, as well as insight into the lives of the people then and now. Bring your questions and expect to hear the story of the birth of Jesus differently from now on! ***Meets in Firesides***

# DECK THE Halls



Join us for dinner  
catered by  
Boston Market  
and  
Christmas Festivities!

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NOVEMBER 30  
6:00-8:30 PM  
CHADSEY HALL

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