

I have had so much fun worshiping with you this summer! We have danced, and sang opening our hearts up to one another and to God. We've spent time asking what moves us? What is authentic to our worship here at CCPC? What stirs from our midst, and what do we have to offer?

We began our journey with Mary (Luke 1:46-55), listening for her song of God's great lovingkindness on the lips of those we have not yet become accustomed to hearing, considering what song our lives sing, and finding the courage it takes to say, "I will sing God's song!" We then invited Miriam to point us toward God in song (Exodus 15:1-3, 20-21). Even in the bleakest situations, we ponder what plays the role of her *tophim* (tambourine) in our own lives? A *tophim* can be something or someone that calls attention to God's activity in our own lives and reminds us to trust in God's promises.

It's tempting to turn our hearts off from songs or styles of music or liturgy that we don't prefer or understand. King David's story of dancing before the Ark (2 Samuel 6:12-19) prompts us to draw one another into worship, considering the community. Rather than when we feel a twinge of dissatisfaction about a moment in worship, we are invited to turn it into a prayer: "*Dear God, may this song [or this liturgy] open someone's heart today. Might your healing love be present through it. And even though I'm not feeling it today, I pray your presence is made known through it.*" Because friends, if the News is Good, let's dance!

The prophet Jeremiah (9:17-21) tells us that God sings with us. We sing, that we might continue to believe in the power of a God who comes by here (Kum ba yah) in our all our grieving places, and says I am with you. The letter to the Colossians (3:12-16) reminds us of the importance of singing to God, affirming that the practice of singing inside the church helps to root the word of God within us. Because we have sung the rhythms and refrains together, the whole community goes with us into our daily living as they remain on our lips throughout the week.

Last Sunday, inspired by the TAGE On Steel's music, we leapt through beautiful gates (Acts 3:1-10). When we know what makes our hearts sing and spirit leap, we more readily reach out a hand of invitation, welcoming people into what we love about this church that we love.

We have two more Sundays in our *Music that Moves Us* series. Join us online or in person for worship with the music and liturgical style of Taizé on August 6, and as we conclude the series August 13th celebrating sacrament of Baptism and reflecting on the way in nature we hear God's own music (Matthew 14:22-33).

Through this whole series and beyond, we invite every CCPC member and friend to ask, what gifts do *I have to share* to participate in this thing we do here on Sundays called worship? (My voice, my presence, committing to robustly singing every song, ushering, liturgizing, there are so many ways to participate!) And how might I—and this church—be transformed by lifting those gifts up to God?

Peace,  
Pastor Kori

## *Imagine Yoga Update*

On June 19, 2023 your CCPC Session unanimously voted to discontinue providing building space to *For-Profit Organizations*. The ramification of this decision is that we have discontinued our use agreement with *Imagine Yoga & Wellness, LLC*. This decision was not taken lightly and comes from prayerful consideration and review of our history and legal agreements, tax liabilities and potential financial risks posed to the church by hosting a LLC in the church building, where we exist as a tax-exempt organization.

Our building is a resource to serve the mission and ministry of CCPC, and we look forward to establishing new relationships with nonprofit organizations. If you are interested in being a part of the solution, please consider joining with leadership as we seek out our next partner(s) in the CE Building.

## *Buildings and Grounds Fundraiser*

Funding drive to support B&G's mission to the church. **Funding Drive will go from now through September 4.**

### B&G Fundraiser Status / Additional Ductwork Required

Initial Duct Repair Completed	\$6,600
Additional Duct Repairs Required	\$7,400
Insulation to Protect Duct	\$4,500
Total Cost	\$18,500

Fundraiser Contributions through 8/1/23 = \$8,010

## *Congratulations, Marco!*

Congratulations to Marco Asaam, first recipient of the James Brassard Memorial Scholarship. We celebrated with Marco on June 25 with fabulous breakfast food. Steve Donoian and the Paper Tigers wish to thank everyone who contributed and were able to help with the celebration with Marco. If you were not able to attend and would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, you can always make a donation, just mark it, James Brassard Scholarship.

## *Deacon Clusters Connect with Pastor Kori*

In the fall, Pastor Kori will have a monthly meet and greet with a deacon and their cluster after worship service. Meetings will last about 30-minutes and will be in the Adult Ed Conference room. Details for what month your cluster will meet will be coming soon!

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Patty & Ken Adams will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary in August. Happy Anniversary, Patty & Ken!

## *Memorial Garden & Walkway*

We're looking for someone(s) to be trained this fall in the Memorial Walkway installation process.

We're also looking for a team of gardeners to begin tending the garden ASAP! Interested?

Contact the church office at 301-262-6008 or [ccpcbowie@verizon.net](mailto:ccpcbowie@verizon.net).

## *New Member Classes*

September 17 from 11:15am to 12 noon in Adult Ed Conference Room

September 24 from 11:15am to 12 noon in Adult Ed Conference Room

October 1 from 9am to 9:30am Meet with Session in Adult Ed Conference Room  
and join during the 10am Worship service that day

## *Thank You*

Pete and Betty Haeussler would like to thank the CCPC church family for the outpouring of love over the last two and half months. We appreciate the prayers, telephone calls, thoughtful cards, and visits. We are grateful for the outreach of delivered meals and occasional chauffeuring. Please keep us both in your prayers as we continue to navigate Pete's health issues.

## *Vacation Interfaith School*

CCPC is invited to the second annual Vacation Interfaith School (VIS). Similar to Vacation Bible School, this exciting in-person program will allow 8-12 year olds to learn about Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faith traditions. Sponsored by innoFaith, this year's VIS will be held Aug. 21-23 from 6-8 pm and children will visit local faith communities in and around Bowie, Md. (Parents or guardians will be responsible for transportation.)

To register for this free program, please visit the Interfaith Coalition of Bowie's events page at [www.icbowie.org](http://www.icbowie.org).

## *All-Choirs Pool Party & Cookout*

**SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 27**

On Sunday afternoon, August 27, all members and their families from all choirs are invited to the Pfarrer's house.

More information will follow as the date draws closer!



Join us after worship on Sunday, September 10 in Dodds Hall to share a meal as we kick off the new church season. You will have a chance to meet your deacon and find your cluster. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

## *All-Church Potluck*

## *Children & Youth Craft Fair*

September 30 and October 1

in Dodds Hall from 11am to 1pm

Support the children and youth program!

Craft up whatever you like (no reselling of items you no longer want/need, must be crafted) to sell. You decide how much of your profit you donate.

**Must sign up to become a vendor by September 5.**

Contact Kim Gedrich for signup and questions.



## *Children & Youth Optional Activity*

Help us keep Optional Activity alive!

We need volunteers to run Optional Activity during services. You can sing songs, do crafts, teach a simple lesson, play games.

Contact Kim Gedrich.

## *Children & Youth Volunteer Training Day*

September 23 in Fredrick MD 9a-12noon

If you are a current Children & Youth Volunteer or interested in becoming one, join us for training day where we will learn tools and tricks of the trade! RSVP to Kim Gedrich ASAP.



# Concert Series



Live in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed at <https://ccpcbowie.online.church/>

Sundays at 4:00 pm

## **October 1: Rick Osborne, organist**

Mr. Osborne will present compositions from the Romantic period including works by Brahms, Elgar, Franck, Mahler and Mendelssohn.

**A free will offering will be received and a reception will follow**

For further information, please call 301-262-6008 or email: [ccpcmusic@verizon.net](mailto:ccpcmusic@verizon.net)



## *DEI Resource Library*

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is starting to collect pamphlets/booklets for a Resource Library so people in the church building can access these materials for free. We are working out the details of the plan as it progresses.

Please email [Kristen.zacheis@gmail.com](mailto:Kristen.zacheis@gmail.com) with questions and to discuss which items you are considering donating.

## *DEI Upcoming Events*

### **Saturday, August 19**

Tour of the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). Meet at the CCPC parking lot at 10:30am for a carpool. We can drop off by the museum and park at the Ronald Reagan Building. Tickets are free, but timed entry tickets required, so please RSVP to [Kristen.zacheis@gmail.com](mailto:Kristen.zacheis@gmail.com).

### **Saturday, August 26**

Join us to attend the 60th Anniversary of the 1963 March of Washington, where Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Organizers are calling it "A Continuation, not a Commemoration." CCPC families and friends are gathering in our parking lot at 9:00am to carpool to the metro. We will walk over to the Lincoln Memorial for the rally. Estimated time of return, 3:00. Please RSVP to [Kristen.zacheis@gmail.com](mailto:Kristen.zacheis@gmail.com)

# *Letters and Drawings from CCPC's LWW Sponsored Children in Honduras*

Name: Keyla Merary Garcia Funez Age: 13 years old  
Place: Nueva Esperanza, Santa Cruz de Yojoa

I want to thank you for your support given to me this year and that gave me the strength to continue studying and moving forward. Thanks to your support I have been moving forward in my education. Physical education and psychologically you have impacted my life. It is so important to me and my family because of your support we are moving forward. Thanks to than I have received Medical and Dental assistant. I always talk to my parents, siblings and brother in law. I study in Rural Mixta Minerva School. In 2023 I will be in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. My mom is Orfilia Santos Funez, My dad is Luciano Garcia. My mom is a housewife ad my dad is a farmer. My community is Nueva Esperanza, Santa Cruz de Yojoa. My parents they go to church and I participate in Bible School I like pets and my birthday is in November 19<sup>th</sup>. In my vacations I helped my parents, I went out with my family and shared a lot with my friends. What I like about Christmas is to share with my family and friends, I wait those seasons to go to church and share with my brothers. My goal this year 2023 is to continue studying and moving forward everyday so I can arrive where I want to go. I hope to achieve all my goals. My effort is to continue learning more than what I know. I hope you to continue supporting me as you have done till now.



Peña Blanca, Cortes

I hope you to have had a happy Christmas and be well. My name is Morym Nahomy Fernandez and I am 16 years old, my birthday was on 31<sup>st</sup> October, I live in a small community called Peña Blanca. Through this letter I want to express my gratitude for your help given to me till now, this support has been so important to me because thanks to that I have been able to finish one more scholar year, I am in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and it has been a challenge because there are difficult classes like Elementary Physics, chemistry and English are difficult classes but I have been working hard to get good grades. I wanted to tell that my last average was 96% and your help is significant to me because my family has low resources and it is significant to my mom. Thanks to your support I have received Medical Assistant when I have been sick, I have received Dental assistant. I want to tell you a little bit about my family, I live with my mom and brother and we are so happy sharing time with my family, my brother is 7 years old and he is very intelligent at school he is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade although he is little he has a 100% average, My mom and me we are proud of him. I study at Centro Educacion Adventista High-School, it is a Christian School having an excellent education and although my mom doesn't go to church I have decided to go with my aunt and nieces to know more about God's word. This 2023 year I have goals that are my priority as example this year I will be in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and I decided to study Computers because I like them and it help me as professional. One of my dreams in long term is to get graduated from University and study Poultry Technician and architecture. I want to tell you that I love animals but more poultry animals like hens they are my favorite animals that's why I have decided to study poultry because is specialized in farm animals.

During Vactions I didn't go out, I just spent time learning many things that edify me, I spent time doing drawings because is one of my talents and one of the things I like to do. I went to a youth camp from Salt and Light Ministry and it was beautiful, I met many new people but the most important I learned from God's word, On Christmas I had a good time sharing with my family and enjoying the fireworks to receive the new year and one of the things that I like the most from Christmas is to feel my Family's love and feel that I am happy with them and I hope to have had a happy Christmas also with your family. My main goal is to finish this scholar year with good grades, because of the pandemic Covid-19 it was difficult year and I hope to have your support this year and I will put my effort to get good grades. I am truly thankful with you for your help and support during all this time. I hope this year can be full of blessings to you and your family, Have a happy new year and may all your goals be accomplished. I say bye with Love and Kind.  
GOD BLESS YOU.

Para mi querido patrocinador con mucho cariño.



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CCPC, the first Protestant church in Levitt Bowie, was born from a passion for Christian mission in the local community, and this focus continues.

*Our Mission: To worship God, to grow in faith and community,  
and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.*

**Please remember CCPC in your will.**



## Belair Cooperative Nursery School

The school is a non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-partisan organization. It's located in the CE Building of Christian Community Presbyterian Church. Call 301-464-5782 or Email [bcnsboard@gmail.com](mailto:bcnsboard@gmail.com)  
[www.belaircoop.org](http://www.belaircoop.org)



## Imagine - Yoga & Wellness Center



Located in the CE building, offers yoga and a variety of wellness programs to CCPC members and the community. For more information, visit [www.ImagineThePlace.com](http://www.ImagineThePlace.com), call 443-510-6308, or e-mail [info@ImagineThePlace.com](mailto:info@ImagineThePlace.com). Scholarships available.