



Installation!

On Saturday, October 28th, 23 CCPC members joined pastors and churches around the Presbytery to install Rev. Dr. Kori Phillips McMurry officially as our pastor.

We celebrated the following day with family and friends during worship with music, words of wisdom, and cake!



Adult Education

November 2023: Mission Possible



November 5

NO ADULT ED: Brick Ceremony

November 12

PCUSA Missionaries in South Sudan with Bob & Kristi Rice

November 19

Preventative Medical Tests with Patti Cable

November 26

NO ADULT ED: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**Adult Ed classes take place after worship service in the Children's Worship Center-
Questions? Contact Karin Rice**

Clusters Connect with Pastor Kori

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.

November 12: Cluster 1 & 11 w/Kori and deacons Paula Hays and Carrie Ahern



Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back!

Friendly reminder that daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 5 at 2am; don't forget to turn your clocks back one-hour.



Entrusted Treasures

In this season of stewardship we are invited to consider the treasures God has entrusted to us individually and as a whole church community and how we intend to use those for the mission and ministry of CCPC. Prayerfully consider what commitment you are able to make for the 2024 year, as we dedicate our pledges during worship on Nov. 12.

A Very Special Thank You

Sharon Youngdahl

I was approached by Cyd Radden LeSage in October and she told me she had something for me from Peggy Oates. She brought it to me Sunday, October 15 and it was a lovely pin and certificate from PWOC. It seems I had been presented with an Honorary Life Membership by the Presbyterian Women of CCPC. I was surprised and delighted and so appreciative of the honor. Cyd said this might have been mentioned in June when I was somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean between Iceland and Nova Scotia.

I am sure Peggy had much more important things on her mind than getting me this certificate. And in some ways, it has a much stronger meaning now. Peggy would ask me to do many things over the years: lead songs, hold an acting class for youth, give sermons, design a program for a PWOC women's day retreat, or lead a full women's retreat. I could never say no to Peggy. I always responded, "sure why not."

Over our 40 years at CCPC, I have offered so many thankyou's – but this is a very special one. So CCPC women, if you are responsible for this action, God bless each and every one of you. I am humbled.

Sharon

Missing Lid?

Tim and Debbie Myers are searching for the lady who purchased the small walnut bowl that needed a lid to be used for salt at the fall craft fair. Being new to the church and seeing so many new faces that Sunday we forgot to get your name! We have your bowl and have been bringing it to church on Sunday mornings hoping you will come ask if it is done. We apologize for our slip in being good shopkeepers.



Session Highlights

CE Building Rental

The Session approved a new 501 C-3 Nonprofit user for two rooms in the CE Building, the National Ballet for the Arts (EIN 46-2082575), Director Pamela Moore, and their website is nationalballet.com. The institute is 75 years old, provides lessons and performances at affordable prices (inexpensive admission prices to include Bowie Community Theater), teaches to all ages starting at 3 years old and provides scholarships to low-income would-be students. They will use the two rooms farthest from the Sanctuary and hope to grow enrollment and eventually use all four rooms.

Stewardship

Elders and church leaders have been presenting minutes for stewardship at four consecutive services in preparation for the New Year.

Finance

The Finance Committee is working with all church committees to plan the 2024 budget this fall. The budget will be discussed at the November 9 and December 11 meetings of the Session.

Trunk or Treat in Pictures





Friends giving

We're Thankful for Friends!

Children & Youth come together for a Friendsgiving feast.

Kids only! Bring a dish to share for all to enjoy.

Saturday, November 18, 2023

4pm to 6pm in Dodds Hall

Celebration Choir

Our Celebration Choir now rehearses on Sunday mornings!

If singing with our choir in the past was not possible because of evening conflicts, please consider joining us before worship, 8:45-9:15 a.m., for warm-up and a short rehearsal.

All voices are welcomed!

Concert Series

Live and Live-streamed: Sundays at 4:00 pm

November 5: TAGE on Steel

The Steel band returns to CCPC presenting their own unique arrangements of gospel favorites and popular songs. The ensemble has performed throughout the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area and in Delaware, Virginia Beach, North Carolina, Ontario and Jamaica.

December 3: A Celtic Christmas

Pipers Randy Welch and Michael Binnie will join percussionist Rob Murray and harpist Abbie Palmer in a candlelight setting. The program will include seasonal music from the British Isles on the Great Highland pipes, small Scottish pipes, Celtic harp, guitar and Irish whistle. Audience participation in the singing of carols will be included.

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

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble is GROWING and looking for new members!

Our small ensemble continues to grow and improve with each passing week! We rehearse on Sunday mornings following worship at 11:30am. If you would like to participate (or even just listen), please join us in the sanctuary!

CCPC
Yard Work Day!

Saturday, November 18

9AM to 1PM
(Rain date November 25)

Help with weeding flower beds,
trimming hedges,
moving debris to the curb

If you are available,
we sure could use your help!



*Whatever you do, work heartily,
as for the Lord and not for men*

~ Colossians 3:23 ~

Alternative Christmas Gift Market

The Christmas Gift Market this year will be on **December 10** in Dodds Hall. It will begin after the church service and will go until 1:30. At the market, there will be a variety of different booths that you can visit to learn about the missions of the organizations represented. The idea behind the alternative gift market is to consider donating to worthy organizations and projects as an alternative to traditional gift giving. After making your selections, you can pick up a Christmas card and note to give to someone special on your Christmas list indicating your donation on their behalf.

We will once again have a soup kitchen. If you would like to make some soup for that Sunday let us know: Rachel Oben (bechemoben@yahoo.com) or Kris Ross (educatorkris@gmail.com).

It will be great to see everyone in person at the market, but if you are not able to be there, you can also shop virtually. We will have a price sheet and description of the organizations on the website. You can pay by check or online via the CCPC Donate link. Checks and order sheets can be left in the office in the Mission mailbox. All donations must be in by Christmas.

Mark your calendars, we hope to see everyone on December 10 and share in the fun of giving and enjoying some homemade soup.

Christmas Angels

Thank you to everyone who has adopted a Christmas Angel as part of the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree project. There are still a few more angels to adopt! Signups will continue through Sunday, November 12. Look for the sign up table in the atrium. You can choose to shop for just clothes, just toys, or choose to shop for both for your adopted angel.

You can choose to do contactless, direct shipping to the Salvation Army warehouse, or bring your gift items to the church on either **November 19 or 26** for delivery to the warehouse. Information on all of the specifics will be provided when you select your angel. All gifts must be delivered by **December 2**.

Have you been looking for some "hands on" volunteer opportunities? Volunteering to help sort and distribute gifts at the Salvation Army Warehouse in Hyattsville is a great opportunity. Please let Julia (Leaman) Monroe (JuliaL11@verizon.net) know if you are interested. At least two volunteer days are being planned at the warehouse in November and December.

Knits With Sticks

**Final Meeting & Celebration
November 15, 2023 from 1pm to 3pm
Tea! Cookies! Cake!**

We made a sad decision in October to close the 'doors' of KWS, as of November 15, 2023. But, not before we have a little party! So, if you've ever knitted or crocheted anything for CCPC (a prayer shawl, scarf, cap, etc.) please come give a nod to the warmest, knitting-est lady at CCPC - Priscilla Bouic!

We will celebrate Priscilla's birthday. She started KWS, and because her 93rd birthday is coming up! Come share some tea, cookies and birthday cake on Wednesday, November 15 from 1pm to 3pm in the Parlor.

Questions? Contact Marty Sippel, KWS 'scribe'.

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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.

Contact the Financial Secretary at ccpcbowie@verizon.net



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