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## July 2014

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

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#### Pastor's Message:

As I write this, the church building is full to overflowing with 103 kids and over 50 youth and adult volunteers all here for Weird Animals Vacation Bible School. It has been a wonderful and exciting week. The kids and the volunteers all seem to be enjoying themselves immensely—a vision of what the church is, can, and should be. The excitement continues beyond this week at CMPC--well, technically at CMPC and beyond. We will welcome our neighbors with snow cones and hot dogs on the 4th of July. Our church's team of missionaries to Mars Hill, NC will be leaving on the 13th and our delegation to the GenOn youth summit will head out on the 20th. Summer is heating up here. Read more about these and other events and ministries in the pages that follow.

#### Peace in Christ,

#### **Rev. Scott Hoffman**

Would you like to receive a print copy of the newsletter instead of an electronic copy? Please contact Ariel Wickham (office@cmpcusa.org, 410-997-8011) with your preference and contact information.

## Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

## **Christ Memorial Christian Preschool**



A happy ending is just the beginning! It doesn't seem possible that nine months have passed and school is over for the summer. We concluded our unit on *God and my World* as we studied plants, transportation, and summer health and safety. Our Bible stories centered on one of God's special helpers, Paul, and how he told others about Jesus. In addition to our regular activities, there were lots of other events to keep us busy. We made muffins for our moms and hosted two Mother's Day celebrations, went to Toby's Children's Theater and saw *Frog and Toad*, and we held a trike-a-thon for St Jude's research hospital and raised enough money to provide wheelchairs for two children! On FUN DAY we played outside, enjoyed a moon bounce, bubbles, sand castle building, feet painting, and the release of our classroom butterflies. Our year concluded with special celebrations for each class.

We were blessed to have Julie Huston with us this year and sorry to say goodbye to her at the end of the school year. Julie and her husband are retiring to sunny South Carolina. Because of Julie's retirement we have an opening for a teacher assistant. Please let your friends and family know that we are currently searching for a nurturing person who loves children. This is a part-time position, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. offering competitive compensation and excellent working conditions. Interested persons can send their resume to Missy Sullivan, either by mail to 6410 Amherst Avenue Columbia, MD 21046 or email to preschool@cmpcusa.org.

The preschool is pleased to announce that in 2014 we became a Quality Rated Program through Maryland Excels. This program identifies schools that go above and beyond the Maryland State Department of Education regulatory requirements. In addition, we maintained our certification as a Healthy Childcare site by continuing to provide an environment that promotes healthy behaviors.

We still have some openings in our three and five-day classes for the upcoming school year! Three-day class ~ (\$207) this Monday, Wednesday, Friday class (9 a.m. to noon) is for children who turn four before September 30th.

Five-day class ~ (\$325) this class meets every day (9 a.m. to noon) and is for children who will attend Kindergarten the following school year.

All children must be potty-trained before school begins. Financial assistance is available.

For more information, visit www.cmpcusa.org/preschool or contact Missy Sullivan, 410-997-8011



### **GenOn Youth Summit**

during the week of July 20-26th 23 of our high school youth, college students, and adult leaders will be at Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia for the GenOn Youth Summit East. It's a LOGOS-style camp each day, featuring meals (in the college dining hall), worship, activity time, and small group Bible study. The youth choose their activity time for the week (sports, crafts, quiet games, guitar, dance, drama), and college students and adults offer leadership during activities or in Bible study.



Wednesday is our off-site mission day where we divide by Bible study groups for a variety of service opportunities in the Wheeling area.

Each evening will close with an all-summit event (dance, talent show, cookout, field games) and the week ends Friday night with a powerful worship and communion service. This week is more than a series of activities. It is a coordinated time designed to allow participants the environment to examine their faith, to grow in their commitment to Christ, and to feel closer to God.

Each family pays a portion of the registration fee and our generous and supportive congregation has helped fund the rest through our Wall of Support and the evening of Musical Treats and Sweets. There is still time to financially support our trip by pulling off an envelope hanging in the hallway outside of the church sanctuary and turning in a check for the amount on the outside.

We ask for your prayers as we prepare to leave and during our time away.

Youth: Josh Aslam, Lindsay Albright, Maddon Barham, Andrew Foster, Eliza Foster, Chris Hong, Ashley Imus, Celine Mbah, Zach Meyers, Jacklyn Meyers, Amanda Raid, Nate Richards, Noah Teshome, Lucas Teshome

College Students: Rebecca Pfeiffer, Meghan Phillips, Laura Yawney

Adult Leaders: Laura Doherty, Beth Foster, Bill Gretsch, Liz Perraud, Hyiwot Teshome, Don Wade



## New Member Class June 2014

The following people attended the new member class Sunday, June 8th and were approved for membership by the session. They either have been received already into membership or will be in the weeks ahead. Be sure to greet them when you get the chance!



Joanne Marie Carey (also known as Josie St. John) grew up in Columbia and has lived in Laurel for the past year. She has two jobs at the moment: Child Support Specialist for the Maryland Department of Human Resources and Victim Advocate for Hopeworks Columbia. She remembered having attended Christ Memorial as a child and felt right at home when she returned to us. She likes hiking, walking, singing, and watching Netflix.

**Leta Loring** grew up in Barnsboro, New Jersey. She is an Executive Assistant for the Asbury Foundation in Gaithersburg. She has a daughter, Lorrie, and a son, Christopher, as well as five grandchildren. She has served as both elder and deacon in the previous churches she joined. She enjoys reading, knitting, walking, and Irish dancing.





**Robert Michael (Rob) and Yvonne Marie Reese** grew up in Howard County and met at their church youth group when they were in sixth grade. They were married earlier this year at her family church, Presbyterian Church of Chestertown, MD. He is an HVAC Controls Engineer for HAVTECH, an Engineering and HVAC firm in Columbia. She is a Customer Service Representative for Johns Hopkins Health Care. They share three children: Nathan, age ten, Gregory, age six, and Nicolaus, age five. Both have been active in Presbyterian Churches for their entire lives. Rob was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Bob Culp to Maryland in the early 1990s. In their free time, they enjoy watching movies, playing with the family dogs, and enjoying the outdoors with their children.



### New Member Class June 2014



**Ayub Sabir** has spent most of his life in Pakistan. He is married to Rehana Sabir, and they have two sons, Josiah, age thirteen, and Joel, age eight. They have lived in our area for a year. Ayub works as a cashier for McDonald's. In his free time he likes to study.

**Rehana Sabir** is a day care teacher at Little Star Learning Center. She and her husband Ayub were previously active in the Assemblies of God in Pakistan. They heard of our congregation through relatives.

**Rebecca Spain** grew up in Kona, Hawaii. She is self-employed as a personal trainer/fitness coach. She has three children: KeKoa, age seven, Eke, age five, and Misha, age four. She is interested in community building. She also likes to play with the kids, read, learn, work, and play outdoors.





**Eugene Thomas (Gene)** is a sales executive with the Freeman company. He is married to Kaleigh Thomas. In his spare time he likes to golf, play all sports, and spend time with his wife.

**Kaleigh Thomas** spent her early years in Rockwood, Pennsylvania. She works in the field of Special Education for the Baltimore County Public Schools. She enjoys exercise, shopping, watching or attending sporting events, and spending time with family.

**Shazia William** grew up in Pakistan and has lived in Columbia for the past three years. Her husband has been in this country for ten years already. She is a homemaker and has four children: Mary, age six, Neera, age five, and twins Grace and Emmanuel Moses, age one. She heard of our church from the Gill family, her in-laws.





## **Christian Education**

#### Sunday Morning Under Construction!

The Christian Education committee is starting to revamp our traditional Sunday School program. Watch the fall Heralds and weekly E-News for more details.

Sunday Experience continues every Sunday even during the summer. Children from preschool through grade three can leave the worship service at the end of the "moment with children" and participate in age-appropriate activities downstairs.

Looking for a way to contribute to CMPC? The Christian Education committee has a number of opportunities for you. The committee needs teachers for the fall Sunday Experience program. Volunteers can sign up for one month out of the year – this is just a four week commitment. CE provides the curriculum and the materials and assistants are there to help each Sunday. For information about either opportunity, please contact Linda Johnson at lindaj@najmi.us or Debbie O'Neal at oneal04@aol.com.

#### Vacation Bible School 2014 – Weird Animals!

On Monday, June 23rd, the Vacation Bible School staff welcomed over 100 children – ranging from preschool age through grade five – to our sanctuary. The children started each day of VBS with learning the words and motions to several songs that reinforced the week's theme that Jesus loves you even when...you're left out, you're different, you don't understand, you do wrong, and when you're afraid. Also, during the week, the children enjoyed Bible stories, science lessons, outside play, video lessons, and healthy snacks at the Critter Cafe! During the closing ceremony on Friday, children sang songs for their families and a cookout was held following the ceremony.

Special thanks go to co-directors Ashlee Hoffman, Elyn Thomas, and Pam Mitchell for their excellent planning and organization of the overall VBS program. However, the week would not have happened without the many adults and young people who served as station and crew leaders for the children. The entire staff did a fantastic job!



The LOGOS Leadership Team is already planning for the launch of our 27th year. Set aside your Wednesday evenings to join us! The first night of LOGOS is October 1st and we look forward to seeing you there. Participation is for preschoolers (3 years old and potty trained) through high schoolers with a nursery for younger siblings. Watch for further information about registration. There are many areas to serve for adults of all ages! Any questions? Please contact any of the LOGOS leaders:

Director: Carrie Jenkins BUGS Coordinator: Lauren Anderson Special Events Coordinator: Ashlee Hoffman Family Time Coordinator: Open Bible Study Coordinator: Open FISH Directors: Ryan and Elyn Thomas Treasurer: Heather Jackson Recreation Coordinators: Laurie Stewart and Heather Barham Worship Skills Coordinator: Open

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## Window on the Word

by Leta Renich

#### The Rebel Planet

[As you read this remember that Satan currently has power in this world, but God is the all-Powerful one and Satan can do nothing without God's permission. "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." (John 4: 4)

In order to understand our position on this planet and the necessity to make a decision whom we will serve (see Joshua 24: 15), we must examine the evidence concerning who is the present Power on this earth.

There are 2 passages telling about Satan you must read to gain an understanding of this text: Isaiah 14: 12 and Ezekiel 28.

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'" Isa 14: 12 -14 (NKJV)

Satan's first error was in saying "I will ". Even our Lord, in praying to the Father said, "Not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Mt. 26: 39, see also Mt. 6: 10; John 4: 34; and Acts 21: 14). If our Lord made himself subject to the Father's will, how much more are we responsible to make our wills subject to His! The ultimate result of our insisting on our own way is the same as Satan's: "I will make myself like the Most High." This is specifically forbidden. "You shall have no other gods before me." (Deut. 5: 7). [If you read Isaiah 14: 3-23, you will see that God is speaking to Satan thru the king of Babylon, reviewing the cause of his fall from heaven, the fact that he has ruled the rulers of this earth, and his final destiny.]



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## Window on the Word (continued)

We find a similar situation in Ezekiel 28, when God is speaking to and through the king of Tyre. Verses

1 & 2, and 11-19 are the significant ones, but we are going to quote only verses 2 and 12a (NIV)
"In the pride of your heart you say, 'I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas."....
"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. (see 27: 3)

The rest of the chapter describes him and his position. Please check out the rest of the reference for yourself.

Genesis 1 tells of the creation, including:

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them......God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." Gen 1: 27, 31 (NIV)

So man was created without sin.

God gave Adam one restriction (Gen. 2: 16-17).

Through the serpent, Satan (see Ezekiel 28: 13) cast doubts on the word of God, telling Eve, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3: 4 NIV) [Note, again the desire to be like God.] Eve was deceived and disobeyed God's specific command. Be-cause Adam also ate of the fruit, God sent both of them from His presence, gave them the death sentence (3:19), cursed the earth because of them (Gen 3:17-19) and made the covenant that he would provide a re-deemer through the woman (3: 15).

This was humankind's penalty for sin (disobedience to God); the penalty was God's enmity, resolved only through the Christ. (Peace on earth," the angels sang! Luke 2: 14 KJV).

Romans 8 tells us the good news that Christ Jesus "destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins" (verse 3 Living Bible). It also states, (verses 21-22 KJV) "...the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." This chapter explains our hope and is high priority reading, but let us continue exploring the matter of our slavery and our master. "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery" (Gal. 5: 1).

(KJV uses the word "bondage"). "Since the children have flesh and blood, he (Christ) too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil - and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death" (Heb2: 14-15 NIV). (To be continued next month.)

#### **Proverb of the Month**

A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful witness speaks lies. ~ Proverbs 3: 9-10 NRSV

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## Announcements

#### Fourth of July Celebration!

What better place to celebrate our nation's independence than CMPC?! Join us at 7 p.m. on our Shaker Drive lawn and enjoy hot dogs, snow cones, fun activities, and then watch the fireworks that are launched over Lake Kittamaqundi between 9 - 9:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair if you wish. Don't miss this fun opportunity and invite your friends!





#### **Rev. Bob Culp Preaches in July!**

#### **Mars Hill Mission Trip**

For the third year in a row CMPC will send a group of missionaries to Mars Hill, NC to engage in home rehab and renovation for some of our poorest brothers and sisters in need. We will join forces once again with Shadyside Presbyterian Church (from Pittsburgh, PA) as we seek to serve the Lord through our actions and our words. Please keep the group in your prayers as they prepare for and participate in this important week of mission work on behalf of God and this church. Those participating in the trip are: Bill Anderson, Sue Ashman, Courtney Ashman, Ashlee Hoffman, Scott Hoffman, Kylee Hoffman, Natalee Hoffman, Ian Holderman, Steve Pettit, Rebecca Spain, Koa Spain, Eke Spain, Misha Spain, Todd Stubbs, Margaret McGillivray, Maren Stubbs, Callum Stubbs, Lachlan Stubbs, Elyn Thomas, Ryan Thomas, Molly Thomas, Samuel Thomas, and BJ Walworth.

We welcome Rev. Robert B. Culp as our Guest Preacher Sunday, July 13th and Sunday, July 27th. Rev. Bob Culp is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, having received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1975 (in Biblical Studies) and his Master of Theology Degree in 1992 (in Homiletics). He served parishes in Florida, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, and Connecticut before his retirement in October, 2013. He and Kathy, his wife of 42 years, now reside in Woodstock, MD (very close to Columbia) where Kathy serves as a librarian. Rev. Culp and his wife are parents to three grown daughters and grandparents to two grandchildren, ages seven and five. Worship information for the Sundays he is preaching is listed below.

**July 13, 2014:** Texts: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-12 and 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a Sermon: "Being the Church 101"

July 27, 2014: Texts: Jeremiah 17: 5-10 and Luke 6: 17-26 Sermon: "When Jesus' Words Comfort... and Sting" Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church July 2014 Herald

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## Announcements

#### New Lock System Update

A number of weeks ago we announced that a new electronic lock system would be added to the main entrance off of the parking lot here at CMPC. Unfortunately, the company we were working with is no longer able to assist us with adding that type of system. We are currently looking into other options, but wanted you to know that this project is on hold indefinitely. Once we know that we are back on we will get word out in advance. Thank you for your patience.

#### Habitat for Humanity Workday

CMPC is a member of United Churches, a faith based organization whose members support Habitat for Humanity for the Chesapeake. Over a period of several years, CMPC has provided both financial and volunteer support to Habitat to rehabilitate homes in Baltimore. This year Habitat has assigned United Churches a workday on August 16, 2014. The location of the property will be determined shortly and volunteers will work from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. No constructions skills are required. If you are interested in participating, please contact BJ Walworth at bjwalworth@hotmail.com or by phone at 410-300-0242 or 410-381-3047 no later than August 1st, which is when BJ needs to submit the names of the CMPC team to United Churches coordinator. On the day of the event, volunteers will meet at CMPC between 7 and 7:30 a.m. and carpool. The exact time of the meet will be dependent on the location.

#### CMPC's New Facilities and Property Manager!

We are pleased to welcome Tito Baca as the newest member of the CMPC staff as he has accepted the invitation to serve as our new Facilities and Property Manager. Tito officially began his work with us in June and can be contacted at pm@cmpcusa.org.





#### Carrie Jenkins to be the New LOGOS Director!

It is with great pleasure that the LOGOS Call Team announces that Carrie Jenkins has accepted the invitation to serve as CMPC's new LOGOS Director! Carrie brings experience, creativity, wisdom, and a deep faith to this role. We will be blessed by her leadership of our LOGOS ministry. We hope to see everyone return to LOGOS this fall! First night is Wednesday, October 1st. Please watch for registration information.



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#### **Church Retreat**

Get ready for our first ever CMPC retreat! The retreat will be held from October 3-5, 2014 at the Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD (near Frederick). All ages are invited to participate. Those younger than high school age must be accompanied by a parent. The cost, which includes two nights of lodging and meals is \$160 per person with a \$395 cap for a family. Set aside the weekend now (from after dinner on Friday through just before lunch on Sunday) and watch for more details coming soon.

#### **Ad Hoc Facilities Report**

In the June Herald we reported that the session approved a request by the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee to contract with Alexander Design Studios (ADS) to help us move forward in our effort to improve our facilities. ADS received a summary of the wants and needs expressed in previous CMPC committee and town hall meetings as well as drawings of the existing buildings. At our first meeting with ADS the Ad Hoc committee walked around the building, visiting every room and closet and answered questions in detail on how, by whom, and when each space was used. We also discussed site issues, such as access and parking. ADS will prepare a 3D computer model of our existing facility and will also prepare what they call a Programming Analysis Book which will incorporate the information we have provided and help insure we are all on the same page. We hope these steps will be completed by the end of July. The next step is for ADS to offer Master Plan Alternatives for discussion and review. We expect to share these alternatives with the congregation for comment when they are in a suitable form. Stay tuned. ~ Respectfully submitted by Jim Pierce

#### **A Financial Update**

What an exciting program year! There were so many meaningful ways to serve the Lord. As we head into the summer, CMPC is far from resting with programs such as Vacation Bible School, the Mars Hill Mission trip, the GenOn Youth Summit, and more. Many of us will be heading off on vacation though, and as we do, please don't forget that the church operations continue full steam ahead through those dog days. Through the end of May we are lagging a bit behind budget, with revenue expected to be \$208,500 while the actual amount is \$194,500. Before I hear any complaints about the hot weather, we did experience a significant cost overrun in snow removal and utilities this winter. The session has managed these overruns with other offsets and continues to watch the church's expenses carefully. However, we are confident that the total revenue goal for 2014 will still be met. Enjoy the summer! - Annette Hinkle, Finance Chair

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## July Birthdays

**Delores McBirney** July 1st Will Ueckermann July 1st Kari DelFavero July 2n **Paige Elseth** July 2n July 2n **Kevin Wegner Julie Charping** July 3r **Donna Steele** July 3r **Bradley Bruce** July 5tl **Jeff Bruce** July 6tl **Aaron Mesol** July 6tl **Katherine Pfeiffer** July 6tl **Anna May Lebro** July 7th **Susan Imus** July 9th **Katherine Morgan** July 9th **Mary Ray** July 9th **Marie Steele** July 9th **Rasti Bhatti** July 10th **Jeffrey Najmi** July 10th Walt York July 11th Samuel Dean July 13th **Alison Hong** July 13th **Lindsey Kim** July 13th **Mike Mesol** July 13th **Joy Exner** July 14th Ian Holderman July 15th **Bill May** July 15th **Jennifer Seinfeld** July 15th **Christopher Morgan** July 17th **Bill Radhe** July 19th **Zeeshan Sadig** July 19th

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