



CMPC Herald

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The Three Wise Men at our December 15th Christmas Pageant.

Pastor's Message:

One month down, 11 more to go! Here's hoping the weather warms up a bit before the year is over! But, let's not get ahead of ourselves. We are off to a good start in this new year and February promises to keep that going with the return of the Men's Breakfast, a unique harp concert, Youth Sunday, and so much more. Read on to see what we are up to here at CMPC. There are many opportunities to engage your faith and grow in discipleship. Please consider making your commitment to this faith community a priority. See you in church!

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Scott Hoffman

Upcoming Events:

- 2/1 **Men's Breakfast**
- 2/2 **Souper Bowl of Caring**
- 2/6 **New Member Class**
- 2/7 **Harpist Greg Buchanan in Concert!**
- 2/16 **Chili Cook-Off**
- 2/23 **Youth Sunday**
- 3/2 **Mission Sunday**
- 3/5 **Ash Wednesday**

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Grace Notes *News from the Music Ministry*

Many thanks to the families who housed students of the concert choir from Westminster College on January 7th and to all who attended the musical evening, including several WC alums. Their youthful voices were wonderful to hear! They enjoyed being in host homes and many of you told me how much fun you had with them. Thanks be to God for giving our congregation the opportunity to be a "stop" during their spring tour.

Anthems from the Trinity Choir this month include *A Classic Communion*, which is set to Handel's Largo with new lyrics written by Jay Althouse for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The anthem *Whispering Hope and Wonderful Peace of Jesus* combines two much-loved hymns from yesteryear. It is a sentimental tribute to the hope and peace we have in Jesus. You will want to hear *Blessings* from contemporary artist Laura Story (arr. Heather Sorenson.) The words to this song say, in part: "What if your blessings come through raindrops? What if your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near? . . . What if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights, are your mercies in disguise?" It is an anthem of hope and assurance for people of faith.



Harpist Greg Buchanan
Coming to CMPC on February 7, 2014!

On February 7th at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary, we have the unique opportunity to hear world-class harpist Greg Buchanan. I first heard him 20 years ago at a music conference in Hilton Head, SC. He lives in California and will be touring the southern states for the next few months. I have wanted all of you to hear him since that concert. He plays all worship styles, from tender worship (i.e. Amazing Grace) to toe-tapping, hand clapping, jazz-style praise. The concert is free (a love offering will be taken.) It is a worship experience that will touch your heart and soul! I encourage you to spend that evening with us at CMPC.

You can hear some of his music on YouTube or at his website: <http://gregbuchananministries.org/>

In His Name,

Joy Exner
Music Director

LOGOS *CMPC's Wednesday Night Intergenerational Program*

Who makes up the volunteers of CMPC LOGOS?

- 44 Parents
- 4 Grandparents
- 5 Young adults
- 11 Empty nesters
- 11 Retirees

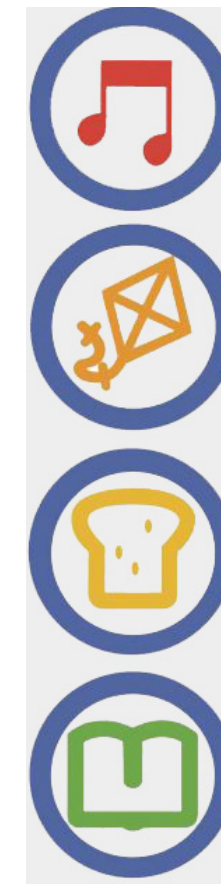
What do our volunteers do?

Cook, direct choirs, teach the Bible, lead games, serve food, check students in, lead singing, help with crafts, keep track of our funds, table parent, play piano, make costumes, set tables, help in choir, clean up meals, break down tables, take pictures, stack chairs, read to preschoolers, take out the trash, pray, haul stages, wear funny clothes, dance, listen, encourage, laugh, build relationships.

What is required of a LOGOS volunteer?

- Love God
- Love children and youth
- Have a gift to share

In that order! If you meet the criteria and are looking for a way to become engaged with this ministry, we invite you to visit on a Wednesday night to see where you might like to serve. For more information, contact LOGOS Director Liz Perraud at logos@cmpcusa.org.



Christ Memorial Christian Preschool



Our 2013/2014 Preschool Staff



Point your children in the right direction ~ when they're old they won't be lost. -Proverbs 22: 6

At Christ Memorial Christian preschool we are looking forward to a wonderful 2014! In January we finished our unit on *God and my Family* and moved into *God and my Neighborhood*. We explored all things winter and made birdfeeders for the birds who spend the winter in Maryland. We also learned about neighborhoods and the people and helpers who make up our neighborhood. Our January Bible Verse was from Luke 2:52 "... and Jesus grew in wisdom and stature".

Registration for the 2014/2015 school year begins on February 4th with current students, and children/grandchildren of CMPC members registering first. All remaining spaces will be opened to the general public on Monday, February 10, 2014.

The preschool board has made the following changes to our fee structure which will go into effect with the 2014/2015 school year:

- We are eliminating the supply fee
- We are instituting a Family Discount of 10% off the total monthly family tuition for all families with more than one child attending our preschool
- The monthly tuition is increased as follows:

Two-day class (T & TH~ must turn three by Sept 30th)	\$141
Three-day class (MWF~ must turn four by Sept 30th)	\$207
Five-day class (will attend kindergarten the following year)	\$325
- Our Registration fee will remain the same:
 - \$100 for continuing students and
 - \$125 for new students.
- For families who are registering more than one child we continue to offer a 50% discount off the second child's registration fee.

Christian Education

Sunday School for Everyone!

Join us for a continental breakfast every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. with a brief opening led by Pastor Hoffman. Afterward, children and youth report to classes downstairs, while the adults meet in Fellowship Hall. Students in preschool through grade five are learning from an excellent curriculum called "Grow, Proclaim, Serve" that features a variety of activities for our children – all based on bible stories. Young people in middle and high school classes are following a curriculum called "Feasting on the Word." The nursery is open for our youngest during Sunday School and the worship service.

The adults gather in the Fellowship Hall for a time of relaxing fellowship and conversation. Currently, they are preparing for our worship service by discussing the sermon questions posted in the Friday E-News and possibly other topics. Come join them and see where the Lord leads you!

All classes end by 10:15 a.m. – in time for our 10:30 a.m. service. See you in Sunday School!

Sunday Experience

The Sunday Experience teachers continue to offer a program for children in preschool through grade three during our worship service following the Moment with Children. The program this year continues to focus on worship skills.

Coming Attractions (Watch the E-News for more info)

A new adult Sunday School class will begin in February. The new class will meet in the former library under the sanctuary and will be structured around the video series called "Nooma." These videos are an engaging and exciting way to talk about faith and how it intertwines with daily life! Contact Ashlee Hoffman for more information at ashleehoffman@yahoo.com.

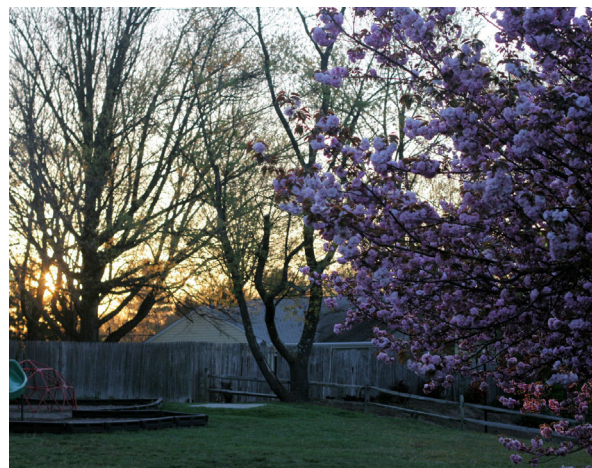
A women's event – a chick flick at CMPC – is being planned by Missy Sullivan. Watch for details about the date and time! Ladies, come join us for a movie, conversation, and treats.

A men's event called "Theology On Tap" is being organized by Steve Pettit. Watch for details, about date, time, and location!

Opportunities to Volunteer!

CE has opportunities for you to volunteer your time and talents! Sunday Experience is fully staffed this year – except for May. If you would like to teach SE during the month of May, please contact Debbie O'Neal at oneal04@aol.com. We provide a full curriculum as well as young people to assist you. Get to know some of our young children. If you can't commit to the entire month, consider being a substitute for one or two Sundays. We will also begin staffing SE for the summer; volunteer to teach one or two Sundays this summer!

Window on the Word by Leta Renich



Proverbs 3

For a long time, Billy Graham was known to read one chapter of Proverbs (corresponding to the numeral of the day), and five chapters of the Psalms each day. That meant that each month he completed the Book of Proverbs and the Book of Psalms, in addition to his daily Bible study routine. Since Dr. Graham is an example to follow, I decided to try to do the same. For awhile, I managed to do one or the other –Psalms or Proverbs - in my “spare time”, between being a wife, mother of five, and a full-time Community Health nurse and household CEO. I discovered I was no longer doing my daily quiet time, but the Book of Proverbs was making a significant difference in my

life. I started quoting an appropriate verse for just about every thing that happened. My adult daughter was so impressed with the applications, she started reading a chapter of Proverbs a day. If you miss a day, just pick up according to the date numeral. You’ll read the missed chapter next month.

Just recently, I was studying my old notes on the third chapter of Proverbs. It has many commands with the promises for being obedient. I find tables an easy way to visualize such chapters. Here is mine. Read this chapter for yourself, and tell me ways you would change it. You may give me a new insight. It might be an “Ah-hah” moment. So fun!

Verse	Command	Verse	Promise
1	keep law and commandments	2	long life and peace
3	be merciful and truthful	4	favor in the sight of God and man
5	trust in the Lord, lean not on your own understanding.	6	direction from God
6	acknowledge Him in all your ways	6	direction from God
7	not be wise in your own eyes	8	health and strength
7	fear the Lord and depart from evil	8	health and strength
9	honor the Lord with your possessions	10	abundance (See Malachi 3:10)
9	and with the first-fruits of all your increase	10	abundance (See Malachi 3:10)
11	accept the chastening and correction of the Lord	13	happiness and blessing of wisdom and understanding
	Summary		Summary
13	person who trusts, honors, and fears the Lord	13, 14, 15	finds wisdom, an incomparable prize
19, 20, 21	wisdom, understanding and knowledge	22, 23, 24	life to your soul - safe walk – sleep sweetly without fear

Finances by Annette Hinkle

We had a great year! Great years are measured in many ways. My job is to measure it with finances. We not only exceeded our 2013 budget for revenue, but also ended up growing compared to last year. When we presented the 2013 budget to you a year ago, we committed to managing toward a balanced budget, including covering the unfunded Property Committee request for \$20,000. We not only covered that needed funding, but also finished the year with a surplus of about \$10,000. Please check out the annual report for more information. Thank you - everyone - for your generosity and thank you - elders, deacons, and committee members - for thoughtful use of our resources. We are blessed.

Announcements

February Men’s Breakfast

The next Men’s Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 1st at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men of the church ages 18 or older are welcome to attend. Friends are welcome as well.



Harpist Greg Buchanan comes to CMPC!

On Friday, February 7th, CMPC will have the fortuitous opportunity to host a performance by harpist Greg Buchanan. Greg is a world-class harpist whose aggressive style of playing redefines the listener’s concept of harp performance. His innovative style draws the listener into the very presence of our Lord, from tender worship to foot tapping, hand clapping, jazz-styled praise. The concert will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public and a free nursery will be available as well for families with small children. For more information, please contact the church office at office@cmpcusa.org or call (410) 997-8011. To find out more about Greg Buchanan, visit <http://gregbuchananministries.org/>.



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Souper Bowl of Caring

Members of the Confirmation Class will hold soup pots at church doors this coming Sunday for Souper Bowl Sunday. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. All of the money collected will be donated to local agencies working to feed the poor. None of the money is sent to Souper Bowl headquarters. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$80 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your donation in the soup pot on February 2nd. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

New Member Class

We will hold our next new member class on Thursday, February 6th from 7-9 p.m. here at the church. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in the class please have them contact the church office at (410) 997-8011 or office@cmpcusa.org. Child care will be provided upon request.

Chili Cook-Off

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off! The Fellowship Committee will sponsor the event on February 16th following worship. We are still looking for judges and cooks to participate this year. If you are interested, please contact the committee at fellowship@cmpcusa.org. The panel of hungry judges will pick the first and second place winners from a group of chili cooks while the congregation gets to vote for the "People's Choice Award." Toppings, corn muffins, and cookies will be served as well. Be sure not to miss this special get together!



Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is March 2nd and the Mission & Local Outreach committee would like to use this opportunity to familiarize CMPC members with the local, national, and global missions that the church is supporting. In particular, the committee would like to encourage members to consider donating their time to work at Christian Services of Howard County, joining a group that restores housing for low income families, or participating in a summer mission trip to Mars Hill. Please join us in worship that Sunday to learn more.

Ash Wednesday

Please join us as we begin the Lenten season with a service on Ash Wednesday (March 5th) at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Worshippers of all ages are encouraged to attend. The imposition of ashes will be offered.

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Atlantic City Mission Trip

Please consider joining some brothers and sisters from CMPC for a weekend of mission work in Atlantic City on March 28th - 30th to help rebuild homes affected by Hurricane Sandy. We hope to travel Thursday evening, work Friday, Saturday, and part of Sunday, and then return Sunday evening. Since the drive is short it is possible to help for part of the time. If you are interested please contact Pastor Hoffman (410-997-8011 or pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org).

Mars Hill Mission Trip (July 13-19th)

Mark your calendars now and plan to join your church family for our all-church mission trip to Mars Hill, North Carolina on July 13-19, 2014. More details will follow in the weeks ahead, but set aside the time now so you won't miss out on the experience. Feel free to ask those who went last year to tell you all about this wonderful opportunity to put your faith into action and serve those in need. Please join us. The more, the merrier!



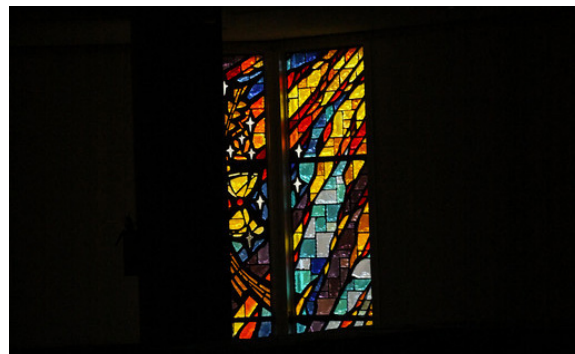
Summer GenOn Youth Summit (previously known as the LOGOS Conference)

Sunday, July 20th - Saturday July 26th at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV. Youth completing 8th grade through college are eligible to attend. We are also seeking adult leaders to go with us for the week. Registration forms will be on the LOGOS bulletin board and available electronically by request. There is an Early Bird discount (\$55 less!) to those turning in forms and payment by February 20th.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School 2014 is just around the corner! VBS will be one of the best weeks of your child's summer! Our program is open to all children age three (must be completely potty-trained) to those entering fifth grade. Join us June 23-27th from 9 a.m. - noon. More details will be provided in the weeks ahead.

Announcements



Thank You to all Blood Drive Participants!

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support the January Blood Drive. We had a great turnout and it was one of CMPC's most successful drives. A special note of thanks goes to Eleanor Orndorff for organizing and running the blood drive. Please be sure to congratulate her on a job well done! The next blood drive will be held in August. We hope to see you then!

Thank You to Our Cold Weather Shelter Volunteers!

On January 6th our guests packed up and moved on to the next church. Think about how it would feel moving every week. Thank you to all of our volunteers! The shelter could not happen without the large number of people who worked shifts, provided meals, transportation, and support in so many ways. Each year there are new stories and experiences. Each year we find time to show what it means to be a Christian, to get out of the pew, and to show God's love. A special word of thanks goes to Jane Wall for organizing the shelter for the past 10 years!

Acolytes

Attention CMPC! We have six - count 'em, SIX! - great kids who are going to be acolytes for us. Training was on Sunday, December 15th and the kids were great. Look for these wonderful new acolytes at our Sunday services this year: Aaron Aquino, Kylee Hoffman, Lydia Farmer, Max Crider, Reisha Khan, and Zoe Crider!

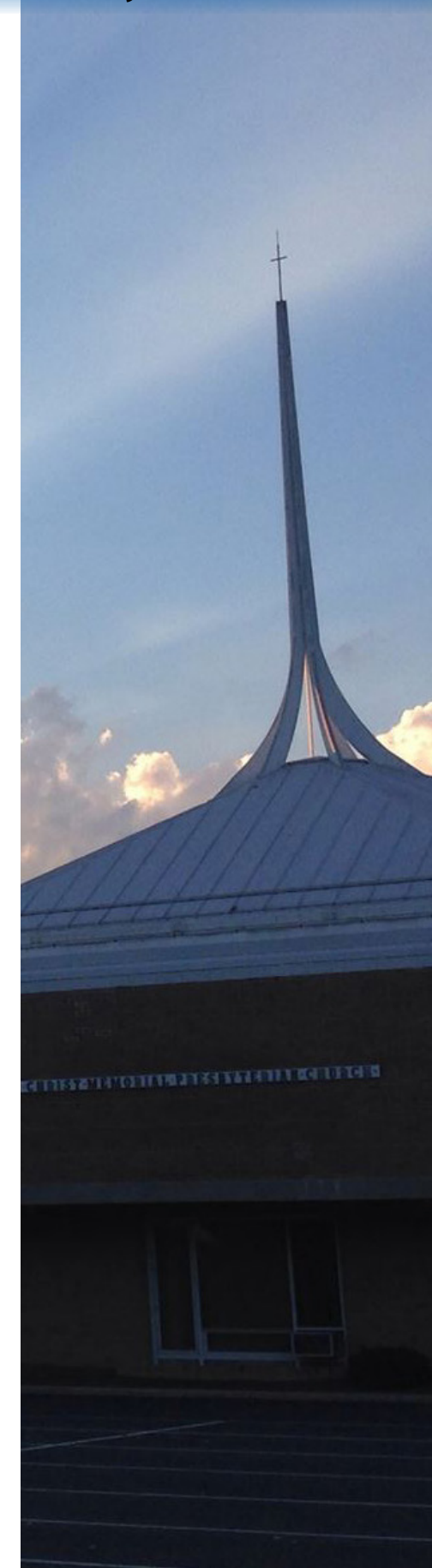
Dedicate Flowers in the Sanctuary!

If you would like to sponsor fresh flowers for a Sunday worship service in 2014 in memory or in honor of someone or a special event, please contact Ariel Wickham in the church office at office@cmpcusa.org or (410) 997-8011 to check availability. Excluding holidays, two vases containing one dozen roses each will run for a total of \$40.00. Vases will be provided by Shelley and can be returned to the church after the flowers have died. Call the church and order your flowers today!



February Birthdays

Aaron Danzig	February 1st	Bob Ashman	February 20th
Beth Shaw	February 2nd	Glenn DelFavero	February 21st
Diana Frosell	February 3rd	Connie Tressler	February 21st
Brian Pettit	February 3rd	Kofi Akuoko	February 23rd
Al Bush	February 4th	Molly Ann Paddock	February 23rd
Joyce Danzig	February 4th	Terry Brown	February 24th
Meghan Jenkins	February 5th	Shaukat Dean	February 24th
Pat Cavanaugh	February 6th	Meg Tilley	February 27th
Jonah Little	February 7th	Kaitlin Weathers	February 27th
Art Perraud	February 8th	Nicholas Lange	February 28th
Nicholas Marinelli	February 10th	Griffin Cole	February 29th
Bill Ryder	February 10th		
Pete Barham	February 12th		
Jackie Jenkins	February 12th		
Ashley Dilmore	February 13th		
Fazal Elahi	February 13th		
Clarise Aslam	February 14th		
Kathleen Hong	February 15th		
Mary Lou Henderson	February 16th		
Alexia Jamal	February 17th		
Mitch Mawhinney	February 17th		
Kimberly Steele	February 17th		
Liliane Khalluf	February 19th		
Hillary Malmberg	February 19th		





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Feb 2014 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:15am - Sunday School @ 10:30am - Worship @ 11:45am - Great Light PC, 2pm - Pakistani Worship.	9:30am - Women's Bible, 6:15pm - Kickboxing Class, 7pm - BSA ASM, FH	9:30am - Prospect Meeting 11am - Bible Basics, FH 7pm - BSA, FH 7:30pm - Bells, Sanc.	5pm - LOGOS, Entire 10am - Shawl Min, 6pm - CSP371, lower 7:30pm - Choir, Sanc,22	10am - Shawl Min, 6pm - CSP371, FH,lower 7pm - BSA Monthly 7:30pm - Choir, Sanc,22		9am - Men's Breakfast, FH 12pm - Organist, Sanctuary
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