



CMPC Herald

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Pastor's Message:

October is one of my favorite months of the year—and not just because it is my birth month (though that is part of the reason). I love Autumn and the excitement that is in the air at the church. With the program year starting up again the building is a bit more alive than it has been for a few months. The place is filled with conversation, laughter, the joy of children! In the pages that follow you will read all about the many ministries and activities taking place in and from this special church. Be sure to mark up your calendars and find ways to stretch yourself by becoming more and more engaged in the life of the congregation. We are all the better for it! As always, I hope to see you around a lot in the days and weeks ahead!

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Scott Hoffman

Upcoming Events:

- 10/2 **First Day of LOGOS!**
- 10/2 **Confirmation Class**
- 10/5 **Men's Breakfast**
- 10/27 **Trunk-Or-Treat!**
- 10/27 **Congregational Meeting**

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.

New Member Spotlight

This fall, Christ Memorial welcomes the following new members to our church community! Welcome Chad, Megan, Don, Roselynn, Rick, Marilyn, Becky, and Maribeth! Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newest members and make them feel welcome! May we be blessed by each other in fellowship!



Chad Board



Megan Haupt



Don Kyle

New Member Spotlight (continued)



Maribeth Raffa



Becky Stirling



Thank You!

Thank You from Ron Laske!

After my hospital stay, I am now recuperating at home. I expect a lengthy recovery period and it seems well on the way. I appreciate the prayers, well wishes, and support from CMPC. It was essential to my survival and recovery. I wish to thank you very much! We became grandparents of a new baby girl – Eva Marjay Laske – who was born on August 9th to LTC Bryan and Aniko Laske. Her daddy made an emergency leave trip home from Afghanistan to help his father recover and for her birth. With the help of friends at CMPC, Janeen and her children, we are all doing OK. Thanks for all your prayers, help, and concern.

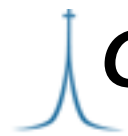
God Bless,
The Laske and Cooke Families



Roselynn Mbah



Rick & Marilyn Mills



Grace Notes *News from the Music Ministry*

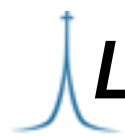
We will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6th with an anthem that combines two well-known songs that speak of the world – *He's Got the Whole World with This Is My Father's World*. On October 13th the choral offering will be *Be Thou My Vision* (Slane), a beautiful new choral arrangement by Heather Sorenson of the familiar hymn that prays "Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart . . . Be Thou my Light when I walk through the night." On Mission Sunday, October 20th, the congregation can sing along on part of the anthem, *What a Mighty God We Serve* paired with *Blessed Be the Name*. *Only God*, a majestic original anthem by Mary McDonald will be offered in worship on October 27th. The piece reminds us that God is the master of the mountains and the sea. He is also the only one who can truly heal the human heart.

Christian concerts coming to this area include Casting Crowns, October 10th in Frederick, Big Daddy Weave, Chris August, Unspoken – The Only Name tour, October 13 at 7:00 pm at Cornerstone Church in Bowie, and Chris Tomlin on November 1st at the Patriot Center. Go to <http://christianconcertalerts.com/washington-christian-concerts/> to purchase tickets.

The Bells of Joy handbell group welcomes new members. They meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Contact Sally Berlowitz at sberlowitz@verizon.net for further information.

The Trinity Choir also welcomes new members. Singers of all voice parts are needed this year! Is He calling you to be part of this ministry? Come and see how blessed you will be to sing His praises!

In His Service,
Joy Exner
Music Director



LOGOS *CMPC's Wednesday Night Intergenerational Program*

What is LOGOS? LOGOS is an intergenerational program for youth in preschool through high school! Our Wednesday night program is made up of four parts: Bible Study, Family Time Dinner, Recreation, and Worship Skills. A nursery will be available when parents are volunteering.

Attention New Families! Give LOGOS a try in the month of October and pay-as-you-go at \$5 per person per night! We're sure you'll love it and will want to stay on for the rest of the year! **Our First Night is October 2nd** at 5 p.m. for Preschool-8th grade and 6 p.m. for high school.

How can you participate in LOGOS if you don't have a child enrolled? We are seeking Prayer Partners to be in regular prayer for this ministry of Christ Memorial. Are you part of a Bible study or other small group? Please consider placing LOGOS on your prayer list.

Do you have a hobby, vocation, or fun activity to share with our children and youth during Recreation or Worship Skills? We'd love to have you come in for a Wednesday or a series of Wednesdays to meet these great kids and show them something new!

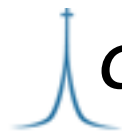
Are you available to enjoy dinner with us on Wednesday nights at 5:45 p.m.? Please consider serving as a Table Parent with a small group of fabulous children. You might be surprised how quickly they find their way into your heart.

Have a special fun dessert you'd like to make for our high schoolers? They would be so appreciative! Is there an idea you have for a special mission or service outreach project that we can do on Wednesday night? Let's talk about it and work together to make it happen!

Here we go with the launch of our 26th year of LOGOS! How will you be a part of this fun intergenerational ministry?

For more information on LOGOS, please see the CMPC webpage or contact director Liz Perraud at logos@cmnpcusa.org or 443-255-8492.





Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

What a great start of the school year we had at the Preschool! Without too many tears from the children, parents, and teachers, we adjusted very well. Through our church family's prayers, support, and God's grace we are bound to have a successful school year.

September began with exploring "God and Me." During the first week (Me and my School) the children became acquainted with their teachers, each other, and the school routine. Our second week of school was all about how we all began our lives on earth as babies! The children shared their baby pictures with each other and drew pictures of themselves as babies. "Parts of Me" was our next unit of study. Each child was weighed and measured, as they learned about the parts of their bodies. Finally we talked about the "Creation of Me and my World." During the last week of September the teachers shared the Creation Story according to Genesis. Each class made their own world to take home to remind them of all the wonderful things that God put on our earth. Our September Bible Verse was "God made the world and everything in it." Acts 17: 24.

We are looking forward to October and nature walks, field trips, and co-hosting Trunk or Treat with LOGOS. (See page 10 for more information about Trunk or Treat!)

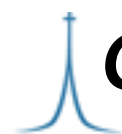


Point your children in the right direction ~ when they're old they won't be lost. -Proverbs 22: 6



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is coming! This world-wide children's project of Samaritan's Purse provides simple gift-filled shoe boxes to let hurting children know that they are loved and not forgotten. Since 1993 more than 100 million shoe box gifts have been collected and hand-delivered to children in need in more than 130 countries. Be on the lookout for shoeboxes in the connecting hallway and downstairs entrance that you can pick up and fill (no wrapping necessary!). This year Shoebox Sunday is November 17th. Please join us in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and demonstrating God's love in a tangible way by filling a shoebox. Contact Missy Sullivan yssim3@yahoo.com or 410-715-0573 for additional information.



Christian Education

Sunday School

Join us each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. for Sunday School. Everyone - from preschool children to adults - comes together in Fellowship Hall for an opening of music and prayer led by Pastor Hoffman. At 9:30 a.m. Sunday School begins for all ages. All classes end by 10:15 a.m. - in time for everyone to attend our 10:30 a.m. worship service. The nursery will be open for our youngest during Sunday School as well as during the worship hour.

We are extremely thankful for our teaching staff this year:

Preschool	Michelle Farmer and Debbie O'Neal
K - Grade 2	Chelsea Anderson
Grade 3 - Grade 5	Alfreda Gill and Rachel Wade
Middle School	Steve Kappes and Hyiwot Teshome
High School	Liz Perraud and Ryan Thomas

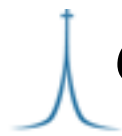


Ever feel rushed to get your family to church on Sunday morning in time for Sunday School? This fall we are offering a continental breakfast for our Sunday School program. Arrive between 9 and 9:30 a.m. for cereal, muffins, fruit, milk, and other light breakfast items - then head for your Sunday School class. No need to drive through a certain donut shop down the street - just bring the kids to church for a quick breakfast.

Our Sunday School program is almost completely staffed; however, CE could use your help! We are still looking for one teacher for our K - grade 2 class. Teachers work in teams - generally rotating the Sundays they teach. A complete curriculum is provided along with all supporting materials. If you don't feel called to teach Sunday School each week, volunteer to substitute in the program. Contact Debbie O'Neal at oneal04@aol.com for more information.

Sunday Experience

Sunday Experience is a year-round program for children in preschool through grade three that runs during the regular worship hour. Children begin the service with their parents and go downstairs for the rest of the service after the "moment with children." The Sunday Experience for the older children focuses on worship skills. They have a mini service with music, Bible stories, crafts, and a snack. This year's program focuses on The Apostle's Creed. Preschoolers have their own age-specific Sunday Experience that focuses on Bible stories. Preschoolers attending Sunday Experience must be completely potty-trained. Parents are asked to pick up their children downstairs immediately after the worship service in rooms 8 or 10.



Christian Education (continued)

Our Sunday Experience programs are almost completely staffed for the year. SE teachers generally teach only one month during the program year – only four Sundays during the entire year. We have only two months open – December and May – at this time. A complete curriculum is provided along with supporting materials. Every teacher will have an assistant to help them!

Our Sunday Experience teachers this year include Lauren Anderson (preschool), Linda Johnson, Kathleen Hong, Donna Ueckermann, Carrie Jenkins, Becky Bruce, Laura Weissinger, John Keister, and Ciarra Cooke. If you are interested in being part of this program, move quickly! Volunteer! Contact Debbie O'Neal at oneal04@aol.com if you would like to be part of Sunday Experience.



Adult Sunday Morning Conversation

After the traditional Sunday School opening at 9:15 a.m. and during the Children and Youth Sunday School time, the adults will gather in Fellowship Hall for a time of relaxing fellowship and conversation. We will prepare for our worship service by discussing the sermon questions posted in the Friday E-News as well as other topics. Come join us and see where the Lord leads us! If you have any questions, please contact Steve Pettit at stevenleppetit@gmail.com.

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

Beloved Disciple: The life and Ministry of John by Beth Moore will be the focus of the Monday Morning Bible Study group this year. The group meets in the conference room of the church from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on the second and third Mondays of each month during September through May. New members are warmly welcomed. For more information, contact Jan Keister at (301) 362-4514 or Janclicker@aol.com; or Miriam Miller at (410) 531-6528 or jtmillerj@verizon.net.

Confirmation Class

Our 2013-14 Confirmation Class will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:25 to 7:45p.m. The class begins next Wednesday, October 2nd and is open to all eighth grade students interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Presbyterian tradition, and, perhaps, joining the church. If you know of an eighth grader who would like to join the class please contact Pastor Hoffman at pastor.hoffman@cmnpcusa.org or 410-997-8011.



Window on the Word

"Wake-Up Call" by Leta Renich

Recently, one of my granddaughters fell off her horse and had to be hospitalized for a severe concussion. The few of us who knew about it immediately appealed to the Lord for help. He heard us and the next day, she was better enough to go home to rest for the remainder of the week.

Now, I won't say that was a wake-up call because God isn't a mean old judge, sitting up in heaven just waiting for us to cross over the line so He can whop us with a bolt of lightning. However, I will say He desires that we make the most of every opportunity to examine ourselves to know and to grow...to know Him and to know ourselves in order to grow.

This is included in [Romans 8: 28-29](#). "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family."

Since it is God's stated purpose to make us into the likeness of the Christ, I am confident He expects our cooperation. Doesn't every parent expect the cooperation of their children in working on their behavior to develop good habits that make good character? Remember the Almighty is our heavenly Father who loves us and desires that we live in His kingdom now, here on this earth. We are to continually examine ourselves to follow His way. He promised to lead us. There are two prophesies in the New Testament which are awesome, both centered in Christ.

First, when John the Baptist was born, his father was inspired to prophesy that John would point us to the Christ who came to "to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace" ([Luke 1: 79](#)). Jesus himself promised, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not be presenting his own ideas; he will be telling you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future" ([John 16: 13](#)).

Take time to read the Bible and meditate on the message the Lord has for you – your daily marching orders.

Take every opportunity to know and to grow. This is the fast track to live on. Remember, Wise people seek Him still.



Proverb of the Month

An evil man seeks only rebellion;
Therefore a cruel messenger will be
sent against him.

~ [Proverbs 17: 11](#) NKJV

Announcements

Men's Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast has returned! All men of CMPC ages 18 and older are invited to attend a monthly breakfast! October's breakfast will be held Saturday, October 5th at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Friends are welcome!

Attention Parents and College Students!

The Care and Wellness Committee would like to stay in touch with your college students during the school year. Please send the name and address of your college student to kcbloom@verizon.net by Sunday, October 6, 2013. Please send the information again even if it has not changed since last year as we don't know who has graduated. We are looking forward to keeping in contact with all of our college students this year. Please contact Kris Bloom at kcbloom@verizon.net or 443-745-5677 with any questions.



Trunk Or Treat

Join your fellow monsters, ghosts, witches, princesses, and more in the parking lot at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church on October 27th! CMPC, Christ Memorial Christian Preschool, and the CMPC LOGOS program are teaming up to sponsor the first Trunk Or Treat!

At 4 p.m. the CMPC and Allview Estates Community are welcome to bring their witches and goblins to this candy-filled event! Trunk Or Treat is a safe alternative to trick or treating! Volunteers register ahead of time to decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy to children at the event. Instead of going door to door, trunk-or-treaters go trunk to trunk!

Before this event can happen however, **We Need Volunteers!** Volunteers can help in many ways! We need the following: **1) People to sign up to decorate the trunk of their car** and come to the church that day to hand out candy. (No scary decorations as we will have a lot of small children). There will be prizes given out for the most creative trunk, trick or treaters choice of best trunk and more! **2) Donations of large bags of candy!** We will use the candy for those with decorated trunks to hand out, as well as prizes for the games. **3) Volunteers to oversee future special events!** To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Ashlee Hoffman ashleehoffman@yahoo.com, 443-917-3022, or Heather Barham hgpeek@aol.com.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, October 27th

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend a meeting of the congregation immediately following worship on Sunday, October 27th. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect elders, deacons, and members of the nominating committee who will begin their terms in January of 2014. Also, during the meeting we will present a Financial State of the Church address to inform the congregation on where we are currently with our finances (operating budget and reserve funds). We hope to see you there!

Announcements

CMPC Receptionists

For the safety of our students and staff, the church doors will be locked during the preschool hours of 9 a.m. to noon on Monday through Friday. During that time, several members of CMPC have graciously volunteered to work as receptionists at a welcome station next to the downstairs entrance. The receptionists will be opening and closing the door as well as answering phones during their shifts. Be sure to say hello!

Finance News from Annette Hinkle

I'm happy to report that we are slightly ahead of budget (total revenue to date is \$293,000)! During the budget process in January we were unable to fund the property committee's request for \$20,000 toward unforeseen needs. We committed at the time that any surplus from the year would first be directed to fulfill this request. Well, the unforeseen became seen, and we're investing some funds in the outside exit from fellowship hall so that we can get back up to full capacity. At this time, we believe that there will be some revenue surplus and some expense savings in order to pay for this project out of the operating budget. After two years of needing to dip into the reserve for some major expenditures, we are reminded of the importance of faithful and prudent budgeting. Again, thanks to you all for your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Giant Gift Cards

Do you shop at the Giant Supermarket? If so, you can help support the LOGOS program at no cost to yourself! Giant offers their gift cards at a discount to churches and other non-profit organizations. The discount (5%) goes into the LOGOS Youth Leadership Fund. There are no service charges, and they never expire. You can use them just like cash. You can purchase the cards from Waldo Renich – look for him in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday mornings. The cards cost \$100 each, though \$50 cards can be obtained by special request. Thank you for supporting LOGOS.



Does the sound of swinging brass, groovy walking bass lines, and funky sax solos sound like a good time to you? How about relaxing for a few hours while listening to a full piece jazz orchestra play the music of Ellington, Basie, and more? If you weren't at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church last November to hear the Columbia Jazz Band perform, or if you'd like to hear them play again, here is your chance! On Saturday November 16th, The Columbia Jazz Band will perform in the Sanctuary from 7 to 9 p.m. The band will play two 45 minute sets with an intermission in between. They will play a variety of jazz styles both old and new. All are welcome and admission is free of charge! Do your ears a favor and join us for this annual event! To find out more about the Columbia Jazz Band, visit: www.thejazzband.com.

