

NEWSLETTER

Growing Together in Faith, Service, and Love

Worship on Sunday, July 5, 2026, will be held at 7 PM

- The service will be outdoors in the parking lot.
- Please bring a chair!
- Come early to play outdoor games!
- Stay late to make S'Mores around our firepit!

Activities will move indoors in case of extreme weather.

There is NO SERVICE scheduled for 10:30 AM on July 5.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

As we move forward this season, we are reminded that faith is built daily. It grows in simple moments—through prayer, scripture study, and service to others.

We encourage each member to seek peace in Christ, especially during challenges

Let us continue to uplift one another and walk together in faith.



A message from Bob Clemens

As head of the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee), I want to share some information about our pastoral search that I announced in church recently. We are at the one year mark since the PNC was formed. We know that many in our congregation are getting impatient with the process. We feel that impatience too. We feel it because we love this church and we are eager to see what our next chapter looks like.

I want to assure you today that the PNC is energized, deeply committed, and filled with hope. We are not just looking for any pastor to fill a vacancy. We are looking for the precise person God has already chosen and prepared for our church.

While your committee works diligently behind the scenes, we need to recognize a vital truth:

This transition is not a spectator sport.

Finding our next leader is not just the PNC's job. It requires the active, bold energy of our entire church family.

If we want a pastor who is dynamic, courageous, and deeply invested, we must be a congregation that reflects those exact qualities right now. We need every single person in these pews to shift their mindset from "When will they get there?" to a personal commitment of **"How can I help today?"**

Here is how you can actively partner with us:

- **Pray fiercely.** Pray daily for the committee's discernment and for the heart of our future pastor.
- **Show up.** Attend Sunday services regularly. A full, vibrant sanctuary feeds the spirit of everyone who walks through our doors.
- **Get involved.** Don't just watch from the sidelines. Dive into our current ministries and activities.
- **Be a leader.** Step up and fill the gaps. If you see a need in our church, don't wait for someone else to fix it – take ownership.
- **Stay Positive.** Protect our church culture. Speak words of encouragement and hope to one another, shutting down negativity.
- **Cast the net.** Reach out to people you know. Spread the word in your networks that CMPC is a wonderful place to call home.
- **Go out of your comfort zone.** Try new things, meet new people, and serve in ways you never have before.
- **Bring new ideas.** We need fresh perspectives. If you see a new way for us to serve the community, bring it forward.
- **Never, never give up.** Relentlessly pursue our mission together without losing heart.

Let's not just wait around for the future. Let's build a thriving, resilient, and exciting church today.

As we continue this journey together, let us hold fast to the words of Galatians 6:9:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Thank you for your trust, your patience, your prayers, and your unstoppable partnership.

Who's Who in the Pews?



John and Missy Sullivan met in 1980 when they were both working at the Social Security Administration headquarters in Baltimore. They married in 1983 and moved to Columbia a year later. The couple joined CMPC in 1995 and live in Oakland Mills.

John worked for various federal agencies for 37 years before retiring in 2015. Missy worked for the SSA for 20 years before retiring in 2000. She worked as a substitute teacher for the Howard County school system for two years before becoming CMPC preschool director in 2002 and serving in that role for 14 years.

John was ordained as a deacon in 1996 and has served on past Stewardship and Nominating committees. In 2008 he became an Elder and chaired the Personnel Committee for three years. He also served as a teller until the Covid pandemic hit in 2019. He currently is a member of the care group ministry.

Missy has served on the Finance Committee as assistant to the treasurer and is currently a teller. She served on the Christian Education Committee during her years as preschool director and was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee that recommended hiring Rev. Steven Carter in 2002.

She has taught Sunday school, volunteered at Vacation Bible School and LOGOs, and worked on multiple nominating committees to choose members to become elders and deacons. She was previously a member-at-large on the Stewardship Committee and also worked on the church's capital campaigns.

John was born in Maryland and has lived his entire life here. Missy was born in Georgia and has lived in Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey and New York because of her father's career. She has spent most of her adult life in and around Baltimore.

The couple has two sons, Drew and Kevin, who were baptized and confirmed at CMPC and attended LOGOS and Sunday school. Drew, his wife Elena, and their daughter Sole Cecilia live and work in Costa Rica. Kevin lives in New York City and works in finance.

Missy loves playing mahjong, gardening, traveling, cooking, reading and yoga. She also enjoys playing games on the New York Times and Washington Post websites.

John also likes gardening and traveling, and he supports the Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Ravens and University of Maryland Terrapins. He loves his seasonal retirement job working with the Orioles game day staff doing pre-game security and welcoming team guests at Oriole Park.

The couple grow tomatoes, squash and beans and share their harvests with friends, neighbors and the Maryland Food Bank.

They have enjoyed cruising the Amazon River, traveling through the Panama Canal, visiting the Christmas Markets in Austria and Germany, and touring Spain, Portugal and Italy. In November, they took an 18-day tour of Southeast Asia where they visited Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam.

The Sullivans' favorite CMPC memories include celebrating the church's 50th anniversary in April 2010; assisting with the Cold Weather Shelter on a couple of occasions, back when shelter participants were housed at the church instead of at a hotel; and attending the many LOGOS musicals, Christmas cantatas, Musical Treats & Sweets fundraisers and church picnics over the years.

Meals with Jesus



On August 2, 9 and 16 there are 2 worship opportunities each Sunday:

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary: “Songs and Prayers”

This is a brief service of prayers and songs selected by YOU. Over these 3 weeks we will be singing your favorite songs from the hymnal

“Mealtime with Jesus” in Fellowship Hall; Different Times each Sunday

Our focus is on meals with Jesus, and “Enough”. Each of these Worship times is designed to be family-friendly and to incite our passion for being together to worship God.

- **August 2 at 11:15 AM “Picnic Lunch with Jesus”.** There is enough.

Pack a picnic lunch and maybe a bit that could be shared. Bring chairs and picnic blankets or towels to sit on. Some tables and chairs will be provided.

- **August 9 at 6 PM “Dinner with Jesus” and Communion.** Jesus is Enough.

We’ll gather around tables and serve each other communion. We’ll need a team of volunteers to focus on this one event and help with service participation, food prep, set-up and cleanup.

- **August 16 at 9:15 AM “Breakfast with Jesus”.** You are Enough.

Breakfast will be provided. A small team of volunteers is needed to focus on this one event and help with worship service participation, food prep, set-up and cleanup.

A link for volunteers and needed roles will be set up shortly. Stay tuned if you have a willingness to be part of this venture into worshipping God together in ways that are new to us!

FACILITY AND GROUNDS MANAGER

Our physical spaces are a vital tool for our ministries and fellowship. To help us properly steward and maintain our church home, we are searching for a Facility and Grounds Manager to oversee our property.

We are looking for a dedicated individual to work on site for 20 hours a week. The ideal candidate will take pride in keeping our facility and grounds safe, clean, and welcoming for all who walk through our doors.



Key Responsibilities:

- Managing the day-to-day maintenance and custodial care of our church buildings and grounds.
- Coordinating with staff and lay leaders to prepare spaces for worship, events, and community groups.
- Overseeing routine inspections, repairs, and coordinating with external contractors when needed.
- Ensuring all safety and compliance regulations are consistently met.

Apply at
Careers@cmppcusa.org



Trinity Choir

All who are interested, are welcomed to join the Trinity Choir at Christ Memorial! No audition is necessary, and no ability to read is required, just a passion to spread Christ's love through music in a community choir setting.

Questions can be emailed to W. Nicholas Zurowski: musicdirector@cmpecusa.org.

We rehearse Thursdays through mid-June, with Sunday, June 14 being the last Sunday service for the summer.

Over the summer, we will have a couple rehearsals and services that are open to the community, as noted below. All are welcomed.

July 16: 7 PM – 8:30 PM

July 23: 7 PM – 8:30 PM

July 26: 9:30 AM Warm-up; 10:30 AM Service

August 13: 7 PM – 8:30 PM

August 20: 7 PM – 8:30 PM

August 23: 9:30 AM Warm-up; 10:30 AM Service



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**05
JULY**

Evening Worship

Come to celebrate God's everlasting love with singing, prayers and thanksgiving

**09
JULY**

Christian Faith Night

Join us to watch the Orioles and the Cubs at Camden Yards

**19
JULY**

National Ice Cream Day is July 23rd

Let's celebrate early with an ice cream treat after worship on July 19th

**22
JULY**

Come Join Us!

at Seasons 52 for lunch. This restaurant has something for everyone and I love their mini desserts!

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JULY**

Fourth Monday Meals

Serve our community by cooking and/or serving at the Route One Day Resource Center



Come Join Us... for lunch at Seasons 52!

July 22nd at noon

RSVP here:

