



The Gateway Newsletter

Where Faith and Life Intersect at the Gateway to the City

April 2011

“He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.”... So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.” Matthew 28:7b-8

Joy. Great joy. It’s what we expect on Easter morning. Hallelujahs flow out of happiness. The tomb is empty! Jesus is not here. He is not dead. Jesus is alive! Why wouldn’t the women be filled with joy? Why wouldn’t we?

Surprisingly enough, Matthew’s is the only gospel that tells of joy on Easter morning. The way Mark tells the story, the women who encounter the empty tomb are so frightened that they run away in terror and don’t say anything to anyone. In Luke’s version of the events, the women tell the disciples Jesus is risen, but the men don’t believe them. To them it’s just an idle tale. In the Gospel of John, Mary weeps at the empty tomb and mistakes Jesus for the gardener. Only Matthew greets the resurrection with joy – great joy.

Why so much fear and confusion? Why the hesitation to celebrate such wonderful news?

Have we become so accustomed to bad news that that is all we really believe? We have come to expect to hear about terrible things. We are filled with images that would break our hearts if we were not already numb. The horrific lifted up for us to look at over and over again. It is the good we must search out. It is the beauty we must train our eyes to see and our hearts to grasp. The women in the gospel story came looking for Jesus. They found God. They found joy.

Matthew will not let us leave the tomb without embracing the good news that God transforms this sad and broken world. Matthew will not allow us to see the emptiness of the tomb as the fullness of God’s love and new life bursting

forth upon the earth. Matthew will not let us leave until we join the hallelujahs.

The dead being raised to new life is more than most of us can begin to comprehend. Of course we would be frightened. Of course we would be confused. All of our perceptions of reality have been shattered. Later when the risen Christ shows up at the dinner table on the road to Emmaus, or at breakfast after a night of fishing Jesus’ friends will experience the joy of being with their teacher and friend.



Resurrection is what we proclaim in midst of fear and confusion even if only to convince ourselves that love is stronger than hate, and that hope can rise from despair. We proclaim in faith that God brings life out of death. Christ is risen! Halleluiah!

This year, why not invite a friend or neighbor to come to church on Easter?

Invite someone to be filled with awe at the beauty of the music. Invite a family from the neighborhood – there will be Easter eggs for all! Invite someone you know to be touched by the surprising joy that God’s love is stronger than death. That life wins.

Christ is Risen! Let us proclaim it with joy—great joy!

God’s Blessings for Joyous Easter, *Melly*

A Special Meeting of the Congregation of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington DC, is hereby called for Sunday, April 3, 2011, at 10:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to consider amending the Terms of Call for the Pastor and Associate Pastors.

By Order of Session
Norman L. Stant, Clerk
March 15, 2011

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 3 Lent Four	Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. <i>The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching</i> <i>The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated</i> <i>Music by the First Service Singers and the Hand Bell Ringers</i>
April 10 Lent Five	Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. <i>The Rev. Steve Robertson will be preaching</i> <i>Music by the Revelations Guitar Group and the Chancel Choir</i>
April 17 Palm Passion	Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. <i>The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching</i> <i>New members will be received</i> <i>Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing</i> <i>Music by the Junior, Chancel, and Carol Choirs, and the First Service Singers</i>
April 21 Maundy Thursday	Service at 4:30 p.m.— <i>Family Friendly Worship with Communion</i> <i>The Rev. Lynn Jostes will be preaching</i> <hr/> Service at 7:30 p.m.— <i>Solemn Observance of the Last Supper</i> <i>The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching</i> <i>The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated</i> <i>Music by the First Service Singers and the Junior Choir</i>
April 22 Good Friday	Service at 1:10 p.m.— <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Service at 7:30 p.m. — <i>Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)</i> <i>Music by the Chancel Choir</i>
April 24 Easter Sunday	Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. <i>The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching</i> <i>Music by the Chancel Choir</i>



INQUIRERS' SEMINAR

April 7, 2011

The next Inquirers' Seminar of the program year will be offered on **Thursday evening, April 7, 2011 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 103** at CCPC. This session is open not only to those persons who may have decided to become members, but also to persons who exploring their call to Christian discipleship as members of this congregation. The format for the afternoon following lunch includes a brief overview of the basic history, beliefs, and traditions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as an outline of specific opportunities for using your gifts with others in ministry at CCPC. Those choosing to join will do so on April 17. If you are interested in participating in the seminar on April 7 (or know someone who may be interested), please contact Associate Pastor for Christian Nurture, Lynn Jostes, at (202) 363-2202 or lynn@chevychasepc.org for more information or to sign up. Come join with the disciples of The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church as we discover our gifts and answer our calling, and together serve our Lord.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH THE CIRCLE CHURCHES

Friday, April 22, 2011

At each of the 14 stations, we remember Jesus' final walk to Calvary



Journey to Easter with the Circle Churches

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Chevy Chase Baptist Church
Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church
Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**We'll begin at 1:10 p.m. in the sanctuary at
All Saints' Episcopal Church**

and conclude with refreshments around 2:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament.

Three of the stations will be at CCPC. Contact Lynn Jostes if you would like to participate as a reader, assistant, or cross-bearer in this annual tradition.

Where Is the Minister of Music Emeritus?

Ken Lowenberg, CCPC's Minister of Music Emeritus, keeps busy:

He continues to substitute for colleagues, at churches of all faiths, virtually every Sunday. The "Second Saturday Sing-Alongs" at Ingleside continue every month at 3:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor parlor of the Suites, and at 4:00 p.m. in the lounge of the Apartments.

In January, he gave an organ recital and led a workshop on "Tips for Adding Sparkle to Your Service Playing" for the Annapolis Chapter of the AGO and is currently serving on the Potomac AGO Board. He played CCPC's Bach Marathon on March 20. On March 23, he gave a noon Lenten organ concert at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Wearing a different hat, Ken is trying his hand at arranging flowers for CCPC as a new member of the Flower Committee! From May 16 to 29, he'll be travelling with Dutch organist, Henk DeVries, on Henk's first American organ concert tour, which Ken arranged. The tour will include concerts in Virginia and Washington D.C!

A brand new composition of Ken's for the Handbell Choir is being published and released by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR). Titled "Chanson," it is available in a 2-3 octave version (AG23037) and a 4-6-octave version (AG46028), so that they may be played together on festivals.



Ken has sincerely appreciated all the expressions of sympathy and support from CCPC members and friends upon the death of his long time housemate, K.C. DeBruycker.

A huge Christian "Thank You" to all of you! ~ *Ken*

SAVE THE DATE!

All Church and Community Orchestra

The All Church and Community Orchestra will play on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Rehearsals are as follows:

Tuesday, May 3, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Monday, May 9, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Monday, May 16, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 21, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

For planning purposes, please let Julie Vidrick Evans (Julie@chevyCHASEPC.org) know by April 18 if you plan to participate in the orchestra.

Please plan to come to **all** rehearsals but you will need to attend **at least** three. Parts can be made available about one week early for your own rehearsal.

I hope you will consider being part of the orchestra this year. Please feel free to distribute this to friends. Looking forward to our first rehearsal! ~ *Julie*

Sunday Mornings and Beyond

The Bible in Context Class (Meets from 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. in Room 350-B, third floor, education building)

Early Christian Letters. Please join us to examine some of the letters outside of the canon which circulated in the first century church in this year-long course currently led by John Weicher, and supported by Peter Combes. For more information, look for a complete syllabus at <http://ccpc.petercombes.com>.

Faith Trek (Meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the Library, first floor, center building, alley side)

Faith Trek is a small group of CCPC adults who are curious about their faith and the world and who want to explore in the company of a circle of friends. The circle expands easily, and we would be delighted to have you join us. The class is reading Hans Kung's new book, *What I Believe*. Check with Margaret Chan (301-656-5034) if you have questions or to secure a copy of the book. Please feel free to drop by any Sunday.

Open Forum (Meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Geneva Hall, second floor, Education Building, street side)

The Open Forum offers a forum for the discussion of a variety of topics on the intersection of faith and life. Join us in February for a discussion of these topics:

April 3 to April 17 - Genesis: A Living Conversation. For more than two thousand years Jews, Christians and Muslims have read the stories from the book of Genesis for their religious, moral and ethical meanings. From the creation of the world to its destruction by flood, from the first man and woman made in God's image to the intrigues of the patriarchs and matriarchs, from fratricide to reconciliation, and from being called by God to calling on God, we are often encouraged to faithfulness and challenged to debate. Join discussion leader, Theda Bagdy, to examine portions of this fruitful book through the lens of the PBS series *Genesis: A Living Conversation* and Bill Moyers' panel of passionate thinkers--clergy, teachers, journalists, lawyers, and others who discuss the moral, ethical, and religious meanings of the Bible's first book and its enduring message.

Wednesday Evenings (Monthly)

The Young Women's Bible Study invites all young women of the congregation to join their study and fellowship! Mark your calendars for the **third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in Room 350-B** (third floor, Education Building, street side.) Bring your Bibles and join us and teacher, Lynn Jostes, for some great discussion of the Gospel of John!

Wednesday Mornings (Bi-Weekly)

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group has begun a new study of the Minor Prophets and invites you to join them! The group meets **twice a month** in Geneva Hall on **Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 p.m.**, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. A calendar and our study guide (\$10.00) are available from study leader, Lynn Jostes. Contact Grace Hyslop for more details. Come join us as we explore the word for us today of these books...minor only in their size, not their content. See you in class!

Church School Classes for Everyone!

We've Saved a Place for You!

Church School classes for all ages continue through May each Sunday. Church school is held **from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** Children and youth are encouraged to attend worship with their family or with friends and then go to their classes (usually after the Time with Children each week). Children in grades K-4 enjoy music with Joann Moorer on most Sundays before going to classes. Watch the announcements for details. If you haven't already done so, we ask that parents please complete a registration form for their child (ren) for the rest of this year's session. Forms are available from the teachers or in the church office. We'll be looking for you!!

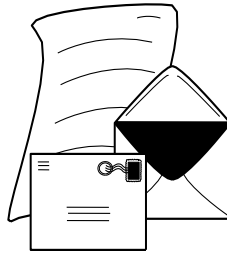


Job Transitions Group

The Job Transitions Group at CCPC offers encouragement, support, skill development, and fellowship to those currently out of work, exploring career options, or actively seeking a new job.

The group meets at the church about every other Monday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the Firesides Room. The dates for winter and spring are: **April 4, 18, May 2, 16, 23**. Participants are welcome to attend each session or whenever they are able. The group is open to anyone and there is no cost to participants.

For information, contact Steve Robertson, steve@chevychasepc.org, or (202) 363-2202.



Hearthstones and Firesides Youth Groups

The Hearthstones (middle school) and Firesides (senior high) youth groups will be meeting for fellowship and activities on:



Apr. 3 - 6-8 p.m.

Youth Activities at the Church

Apr. 10 - 6-8 p.m.

Youth Activities at the Church

Apr. 17

No Meeting (Palm Sunday)

Apr. 24

No Meeting (Easter Sunday)

Watch for more information about planned activities and events. For more information, contact Becky Wood at (202) 363-2202 or becky@chevychasepc.org.

Donate for Relief of Japan's Earthquake & Tsunami

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) stands ready to respond to needs from the earthquake that struck Japan and the ensuing tsunamis across the Pacific rim. Denominational leaders have issued a call to prayer, saying "The magnitude of this kind of tragedy is difficult to grasp. Yet, our faith leads us to affirm that in even greater measure is the presence of God in the midst of the devastation." PDA's National Response Team is also contacting potentially affected presbyteries on the West Coast, Alaska and Hawaii to offer assistance. PDA officials say they will continue to watch for needs as the disaster progresses. We



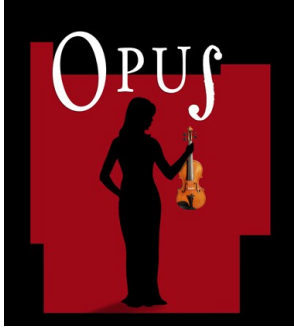
can offer our help through our **contributions for Japan earthquake and tsunami relief** to provide the resources needed to assist with immediate emergency needs, clean up provisions, long-term and unmet needs, and spiritual/emotional counseling. Make a contribution by placing your check in the offering plate marked "*Japan Earthquake & Tsunami*."

Hygiene Kits for Japan—We are also collecting supplies for emergency relief Hygiene Kits for persons affected by disaster such as the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Please bring complete kits containing one each of the following items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure:

- Bath-size bar of soap individually wrapped
- Metal nail file or nail clipper
- Toothbrush in original package
- Six standard-size Band-Aids
- Hand towel
- Pocket comb
- Washcloth

Or bring individual items separately to contribute to those kits. We will be collecting kits through **Palm Sunday, April 17**. **Place complete kits or individual items in the blue bin on the stage in Chadsey Hall.** Watch for news about assembling the kits for shipment to Church World Service.

CCPC MARINERS PLAN TO ATTEND *OPUS* AT OLNEY THEATER JUNE 11



Opus explores the intimate balance among extraordinary individuals preparing for a nationally televised chamber music concert. Reviews from New York and other regional theaters indicate that Olney will have a hit! A recent play by Michael Hollinger, *Opus* opens June 8 at Olney. Be among the first to see it here!

To Make Reservations:

1. Phone the **Olney Theater Box Office: 301-924-3400**
2. Or order online: <http://www.olneytheater.org>

Tickets are \$54 each plus a handling fee. Group sales logistics unworkable.

Let Us Know You Are Coming

Let Walt Laessig know when you have tickets (jeckersen@aol.com or 301-933-1437). He will help coordinate driving and/or dining groups.

SAVE THE DATE

The May concert, is the last in our CCPC Concert Series 40th anniversary season. Please join us at a festive reception in Geneva Hall and show your appreciation to the people who helped make 40 years possible...

May 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
Durufle Requiem



The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir will join soloists, orchestra and organ to present this masterwork of the sacred choral literature to conclude the 40th Anniversary Season of musical offerings to our community.

*All events are admission-free, donations gratefully accepted.
A reception to meet the artists and to greet one another takes place following each concert.*



EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS—2011

The CCPC Flower Committee extends an invitation to members and friends of CCPC to participate in providing the Easter Lilies for Easter 2011. Your contributions make it possible to purchase Lilies and flowers used to decorate the church for Easter. On Easter Sunday the Lilies are delivered to those in our church family who are hospitalized, recovering at home, grieving or marking special life milestones. Anyone who wishes to contribute may do so to celebrate or honor a group or individual or as a memorial. **Please complete the form and return it by Sunday, April 10 to the Church Office along with a check.** Additional forms are available in the Narthex or at the Flower Committee Table in Chadsey Hall during coffee hours on Sundays during Lent.



Please check one: in celebration of in honor of in memory of

These flowers are dedicated to:

These flowers are given by:

Telephone number or email address:

Check attached for _____ dedications at \$15.00 each = \$ _____

*Make check payable to the Flower Committee, CCPC,
noting Easter Lilies in the lower left corner of the check. Thank You!*

CCPC Flower Committee

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