

# The Gateway Newsletter

Where Faith and Life Intersect at the Gateway to the City

May 2011

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
Isaiah 43:19*

God is doing new things at CCPC. Last month, just before Holy Week, Pastor Steve told us he had accepted a new call to a church in Minnesota. Pastor Steve and his wife Susan are beginning a whole new chapter in their lives. New church, new home, new friends, new life! We are grateful for the seven plus years of Steve's ministry among us. He has inspired us, prayed for us and comforted us. He has given us many, many gifts and we will miss his presence with us. We ask God's blessings upon him and Susan as they embark on this new adventure. We have our own adventure ahead as we look to the future, and who God will call to serve among us here.

Recognizing the important role of internet communication, we have redesigned our Church Secretary position to be a Communications Coordinator. This person will be responsible for our in-house communications, such as the church bulletin and the flow of information between committees. He or she will also work to enhance our online communication by updating our website and developing new ways of building connections with church members and the greater community.

What else is God up to? Over the past year, our Visioning Task Force has been listening for God's call and direction for our congregation. We have been asking "What is God calling CCPC to be and do at this particular time in history?" The Task Force has been studying current trends in culture and the impact on churches. It has done extensive research on the demographic data about our area. It has been asking, "Who are we? Who is our neighbor? What is God calling us to do?" In sermon talk-backs, small group meetings, classes, and many individual conversations, the Task Force has



been listening for the pulse of God's Spirit in the life of the congregation.

Much of what the Task Force has found is not new. CCPC has historically been a well-educated congregation. We live in an affluent community and yet many of our neighbors struggle with issues of poverty. We have an historic concern for social justice. We greatly value those ministries that move our spirits – music, preaching, and learning. The Task Force also made some new discoveries. Almost half of our members live within three miles of the church. We are a neighborhood congregation. We long for a deeper connection to the Spirit in our overly busy lives. Nearly one-third of our congregation is under the age of twenty. We are blessed with an abundance of children and youth. While many churches are growing older, CCPC has been growing younger.

As we seek new leadership for a new and renewed direction for CCPC in the days ahead, we will trust God to make a way in the wilderness. In this season of resurrection, let us wonder at the new possibilities God will raise up.

*God's Blessings, Molly*

A **Special Meeting of the Congregation** of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington D.C, is hereby called for Sunday, May 8, 2011, at 10:35 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the church. The purpose of this meeting is to act on the request of Associate Pastor, the Rev. Stephen C. Robertson to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective May 20, 2011.

By Order of Session  
Norman L. Stant, Clerk  
April 12, 2011

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**May 1**

**Easter Two**—Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*The Rev. Steve Robertson will be preaching*  
*The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated*  
*Confirmation class received*  
*Music by National Cathedral Lower School Chorus*

**May 8**

*Mother's Day*

**Easter Three**—Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
*Congregational Meeting at 10:35 a.m.*  
*Music by the Junior, Carol, & Chancel Choirs*

**May 15**

**Easter Four**—Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*  
*Collection of the Hunger Offering*  
*Music by the Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers*

**May 22**

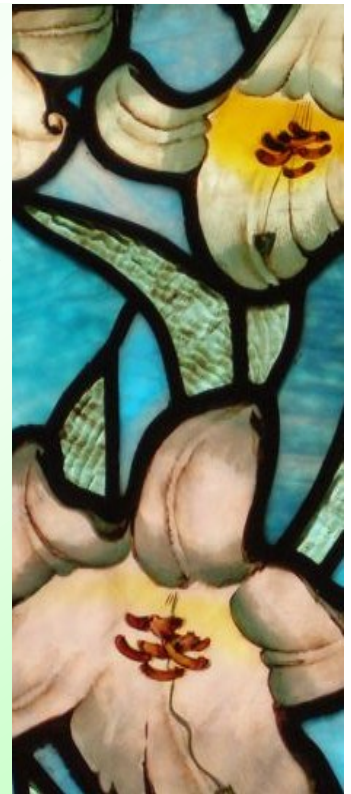
*Earth Care*

**Easter Five**—Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*

**May 29**

*Memorial Day*

**Easter Six**—One Service at 10:00 a.m.  
*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will be preaching*



## SAVE THE DATE

**Wondering Where the  
 Pentecost Picnic Went?!**

**Not to worry...save the date  
 for Sunday, June 12, 2011**

**in the Church Courtyard following 10:00  
 a.m. worship** (and rite of Confirmation.)

Plan to join us for traditional picnic fare and fellowship with your church family (Pentecost is the annual celebration of the birth of the Christian Church which falls 50 days after Easter Sunday).

Since Easter was the last Sunday of April...  
 Pentecost is later this year as well!  
 See you in June!!

## 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 and 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!!

## 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 has completed Hans Kung's new book, *What I Believe*, and is considering their next choice. Come be part of the selection process. Check with Margaret Chan (301-656-5034) if you have questions.

**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 May for a discussion of these topics:

### **May 1 — NO CLASS**

May 8, 15 & 22 — Considering the “Kairos Palestine Document.” Join the Rev. Bob Angus for a three-week study of the Kairos Palestine Document. This document was issued in Bethlehem on December 11, 2010 by members of Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Anglican and Baptist traditions in the Palestinian Christian community “to proclaim our word based on our Christian faith and our sense of Palestinian belonging – a word of faith, hope and love.”

## 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 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** (on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays) in Geneva Hall **from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** 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!

## Summer Sunday School Teachers Sought!!

Summer Sunday School begins on June 5 and continues through Homecoming Sunday, September 11, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Two to three classes for young children through second grade (completed) will be available, but only with your help. Teams of teachers are needed for each age group. A simple curriculum is provided to facilitate your teaching. Please check your calendar and see which Sunday you might be able to help! Sign up sheets will be posted in Chadsey Hall in April-May during Sunday Brunch and Coffee Time for your convenience. You may also contact Kristen Riley (202-237-8336 or [kriley8@msn.com](mailto:kriley8@msn.com)) or Lynn Jostes (202-363-2202 x 22 or [lynn@chevyCHASEPC.org](mailto:lynn@chevyCHASEPC.org)) for more information or to sign up for this special opportunity to teach our youngest children. Thanks for your help!!



### Calling All Graduates!

We would like to recognize our graduates (high school, college or graduate school) in the June issue of the *Gateway* and need your help in making sure that we don't leave anyone off of the list. Please contact Becky Wood ([becky@chevyCHASEPC.org](mailto:becky@chevyCHASEPC.org)) or Lynn Jostes ([lynn@chevyCHASEPC.org](mailto:lynn@chevyCHASEPC.org)) with the name of the graduate, the school from which they are graduating and the college/course of study or work they will enter upon graduation. We need this information **by May 6** and will look forward to hearing from you soon!! Many thanks.

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# Hearthstones & Firesides News

Want More Information on CCPC Youth Groups or These Events? Contact Becky Wood, Interim Youth Ministries Associate, at [Becky@chevyCHASE.org](mailto:Becky@chevyCHASE.org)



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

## May 1st: Disaster Relief Assistance Projects (CCPC)

We will gather together to assemble Hygiene Kits that will then be sent to Japan through Church World Service. We will also have a special activity in preparation for Mother's Day (May 8th). (CCPC– Firesides Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m.)

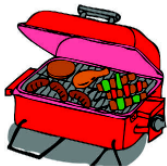


## May 8th: No Meeting—Mother's Day



## May 15th: Activities at CCPC

We will have activities planned for the youth at CCPC in the Fire sides Room during the regularly scheduled time of 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



## May 22nd: End of Year BBQ (CCPC)

Join us for food and fun as we celebrate the last Youth Group of the school year! Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided, but we ask youth to bring sides, drinks, and dessert. Please contact Becky Wood for more information and to volunteer!

### Our Goal: 1,000 Acts of Green

#### *Report Your Act of Green to Add to Our Total*

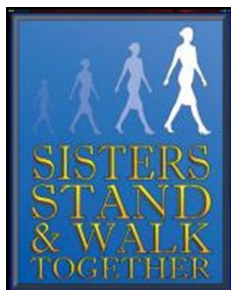
For Earth Day 2011, the Earth Day Network is running "A Billion Acts of Green" campaign. CCPC seeks to compile 1,000 'Acts of Green' to support this world-wide event.

We encourage every CCPC household to take at least one NEW step to help protect the environment. You can do more than one per person! Come up with your own idea or consider one or more of the following:

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| Participate in an Earth Day event             | Adopt an Earth Steward tip (check the CCPC website) |
| Switch to green electricity                   | Write a letter to an elected official               |
| Walk instead of driving somewhere             | Pick up some trash on your own                      |
| Replace an incandescent light bulb with a CFL | Eat locally-grown food for a week                   |

This campaign started on April 1 and will run through Sunday, May 22, CCPC's Earth Care Sunday. To report your 'Act of Green,' add it to the poster in Chadsey Hall ("What's Your Act of Green?"), put a note in the offering plate, or send an email to [bethmullin@gmail.com](mailto:bethmullin@gmail.com). We are keeping a running total and publishing progress weekly.

*Go green!*



The DC/MD and VA Sisters Stand and Walk Together (SSWT), groups met jointly on a wintry Saturday in January 2011

to continue their journey in understanding the challenges and experiences of those who have migrated to the USA. Though falling snow threatened, it did not dissuade this diverse group from meeting, once again, at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. This was our group's seventh dialogue and it centered on personal

as a child, and Rev. Lucy Dergarabadian, who faced her own struggles as a highly educated adult immigrant to this country. As we listened raptly to these women's very personal experiences, those of us born in this country empathized with the plights and challenges immigrants face and grew in understanding of our own ignorance. I believe that our immigrant sisters were also bolstered by the opportunity to share and understand each other's experiences, whether similar or differing from their own.

Once again, Lakesha Bradshaw, Director of Christian Education at Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, led us in a brief but meaningful worship and meditation she had conceived. It incorporated a "Lectio Divina" exercise focused on

devotional or other practices on which we rely to "take care" of our souls. Questions suggested by the recent "Soul Keeping" article in Horizons were used to spark much interesting dialogue which revealed an array of methods we have devised on our own to give care to ourselves. We used the mutual invitation communication technique to ensure everyone had an opportunity to share.

The literal and figurative warmth in Geneva Hall brought us closer together as we heard the moving stories of young Shella Fon, who came from Cameroon to the USA

a scripture passage, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. Judging from our response, those of us who had not used this method before, as well those familiar with it, found it personally beneficial. We were also surprised by how many of us chose the same phrase/words from the passage as speaking directly to us. Nina Khouri, our host at Chevy Chase, is among the founders of this group and is our resident expert on the stages of transition experienced by those who migrate from another country. Nina further heightened the impact of Shella and Rev. Lucy's stories with her

presentation explaining the stages of emotional adjustment that immigrants experience.

Although much planning precedes these meetings, it is often those "unplanned" moments that have a lasting impact. The personal stories shared by Shella and Rev. Lucy certainly impressed us all. These were followed by a delicious pot-luck lunch that was further enhanced by the spontaneous and beautiful piano music played by Rev. Lucy on the baby grand in Geneva Hall. It seems that our meetings are examples of a "perfect storm" – where all elements – individuals, talent, and physical space combine with the Holy Spirit to create a sense of community, provide an experience that follows us home, and leaves an impression that lingers long beyond our meeting. While I am writing this recap almost three weeks after we met, the experience is still fresh and close to the surface.

*So, ladies the take away is simply this - please prayerfully consider attending these meetings!*

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## Hearthstones & Firesides Fall Planning!

Youth group activities planning for the 2011/2012 school year is starting!

### Would you like to help?

We are currently looking for **dedicated adult volunteers to help plan and lead** the upcoming school year's events for our Hearthstones (grades 6-8) and Firesides (grades 9-12) youth groups.

While fall seems far off, it will be here before we know it – so get in on the planning now! There are many opportunities for participation including **weekly youth group leadership, special event leadership, food preparation, transportation and more!**

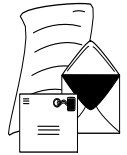
If you are interested in getting involved in the dynamic youth group programs CCPC offers, please contact our **Youth Ministries Associate, Becky Wood, at [beckyv@chevychasepc.org](mailto:beckyv@chevychasepc.org).**

## 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: **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](mailto:steve@chevychasepc.org), or (202) 363-2202.



## Pentecost Offering for TAP

The Mission Committee has designated the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), CCPC's on-site outreach effort, the beneficiary of the June 12 Pentecost Offering.

At TAP, people coming for help are met by volunteer greeters, asked to fill an intake form, and given juice and a sandwich. Then either the contracted outreach worker, Juan Carlos Benevides, or a volunteer interviews the client and evaluates how TAP can provide assistance.

CCPC is well known for the help TAP provides to persons who need basic identification documents, such as birth certificates and non-driver's ID, but TAP also provides a breadth of other services:

- TAP provides assistance with transportation to new jobs, since wages are often paid only after a period of time at the position. Tap bridges that gap by providing fare cards.
- In 2010 TAP linked LensCrafters' Gift of Sight

program with 100 people who had prescriptions but no money for glasses.

- Used clothing, donated by church members, provide TAP clients with clothing suitable for a job interview.
- Emergency groceries are also provided from donations and purchases.



Contributions to the Pentecost Offering will ensure that the Transition Assistance Program is able to sustain its mission of helping homeless, and working with poor residents of the D.C. metropolitan area in their struggle to become self-sufficient.

Last year 40 TAP volunteers served 862 people, referred by over 90 local organizations. TAP looks forward to another successful year!

*For more information on TAP, see the 2010 annual report on line at the church's web site ([www.chevychasepc.org](http://www.chevychasepc.org)).*

## Julie Vidrick Evans In Concert

May 1, 2011 at 4 p.m.

*Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter  
Branch Avenue, Washington D.C.*

Performance of Bach, Lubeck, Persichetti, and various spirituals on the beautiful 2 manual Karl Wilhelm tracker in a wonderful acoustic setting.

May 6, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

*Trinity Church,  
Copley Square, Boston, MA*  
Mendelssohn, Haan and Dupré



June 5, 2011 at 4:40 p.m.

*Church of St. Mary the Virgin  
New York, NY*

## Joann Moorer in Concert

*Sunday May 1st, 2011 at 3:30pm*

Assistant Director of Music and Lyric Soprano, Joann Moorer, will sing her Graduate Degree Recital at The Peabody Conservatory of Music, in the Goodwin Recital Hall. Music of Elsa Respighi, Mozart, Schumann, Schubert and Tchaikovsky. All are cordially invited.

*1 E. Mount Vernon Pl.  
Baltimore, MD 21202*

*Admission is Free.*



## DURUFLE'S REQUIEM

*May 15 at 4:00 p.m.*

The 40th Anniversary of **Chevy Chase Concerts** concludes with a performance of Maurice Duruflé's exquisite Requiem. The concert will feature the *Chancel Choir* and soloists *Tanya Coyne and Mark Mason*, and is accompanied by strings, trumpet and timpani, and *Marvin Mills* at the organ. A wonderful orchestra has been assembled. You won't want to miss this exciting and inspirational work! The concert will begin with Francis Poulenc's Concerto for Organ, Strings and Timpani with *Julie Vidrick Evans* on the organ and Marvin Mills conducting.

As always our concerts are *free, with a donation gratefully accepted*. We hope you will save the date to hear a performance of these two remarkable 20th century French compositional masters, and then join us for a festive, catered reception in Geneva Hall, where we will thank our donors, and other individuals who have made this 40 years of musical outreach possible in our city.

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