

# the gateway

Christ our Center  
CHILDREN OUR BLESSING  
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November 2011

*"Hospitality is a quality of spiritual initiative, the practice of an active and genuine love, a graciousness unaffected by self-interest, an opening of ourselves and our faith community to receive others."*  
- Robert Schnase, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*

It is the largest Buddha in the Western Hemisphere. It stands thirty-seven feet high, pure white towering above us. All around are 10,000 more small statues of the Buddha. We are in the Great Buddha Hall of the Chuang Yen Monastery in Putnam, New York. The monastery invites people to come and view their ceremonies and have lunch on Sundays at noon. We eat delicious vegetarian food on picnic tables with other church members who have come to see this holy place. Children play, candles flicker and incense floats through the air as we learn about the Bodhi Path to wisdom.

It's fascinating to learn about another faith tradition and to be in another's sacred place. How wonderful it is when a mosque invites people to come and feel the soft carpet on socked feet. And how amazing to see the beautiful Arabic writing on the walls that fill the space with the words of the Koran. Or, to see a Torah scroll and hear the Cantor chant Hebrew prayers.

Of course, just worshiping in different Christian churches is fascinating. In some churches people kneel. In others, people clap and sing and dance. Some churches process the Bible down the center aisle and burn incense. Some great stone cathedrals glow with candlelight and invite visitors to add their prayer and light a candle as well.

Even in this age of pluralism, many people know

very little about the various faith traditions. Many people do not know what goes on inside a church. From media reports, people can get the impression that Christians are intolerant, moralistic and judgmental. Given this, it is no wonder that people who have never been to church are reluctant to come.

But those of us who come here have found something valuable. We have a supportive community that cares for us and sees us through rough times. We laugh together and play and pray together. We practice loving each other. We hear that God loves us and cares for each one of us. And we practice opening our spirits to Jesus Christ, whom God sent to love us and is loving and teaching us still.

On **Sunday, November 20**, we are holding an Open House. It is a day for anyone to come and visit and worship at CCPC just to see what church here is like. You may want to invite someone of another faith just so they can learn more about Christianity. You may have a friend you would like to introduce to your CCPC friends. You may have a neighbor or co-worker who is looking for a place to help their children learn about kindness, generosity, compassion and God.

It's not easy to just walk into a new church. It's great to be invited. Ask someone to come and see.

*~ God's Blessings, Molly*

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The deadline for the **December Gateway** is **Monday, November 14**. Submissions should be emailed to [katie@chevychasepc.org](mailto:katie@chevychasepc.org).

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**November 6 Stewardship Commitment Sunday**  
**One Service at 10:00 a.m.**

*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will  
 be preaching*

Stewardship Brunch

**MUSIC:**

*10:00—Carol, Junior and Chancel  
 Choirs*

*5:00—Chancel Choir sings Evensong for  
 the Feast of All Saints at St. Paul's, Rock  
 Creek*

**November 13 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

*Pastor Jane Duffield will be  
 preaching*

Sacrament of Communion will be  
 celebrated

**MUSIC:**

*9:30—Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers*

*11:00—Chevy Chase Handbell Ringers  
 and Chancel Choir*

**November 20 Christ the King/Reign of Christ**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

*The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert will  
 be preaching*

Hunger Offering

CCPC Open House Sunday

Reception of New Members

**MUSIC:**

*9:30—First Service Singers*

*11:00—Chancel Choir*

**November 27 1st Sunday of Advent**  
**Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

*The Rev. Lynn Jostes will be  
 preaching*

Sacrament of Baptism celebrated

**MUSIC:**

*9:30—First Service Singers*

*11:00—Chancel Choir*

## SAVE THE DATE TO DECK THE HALLS!

Mark your calendar and plan to join your church family as we Deck the Halls on **Friday evening, December 2!** The fun begins with dinner (catered by Boston Market) at **6 p.m. in Chadsey Hall** followed by creating natural Christmas decorations and door hangings for the church, decorating cookies and trees, sharing with others, singing carols, and enjoying being together. The cost of the

evening is \$6 for adults (age 12 and up) and \$3 per child (age 4-11; younger children eat free). A nursery will be available for infants and young preschoolers. The evening will conclude by 8:30 p.m. Reservations to the Church Office, 202-363-2202, are appreciated, but not required, though they help us know how to plan!



Photos Courtesy of Chris Ertz

## UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

On **November 6** at 5 p.m., the Chevy Chase Chancel Choir will be the guest choir at Evensong for the Feast of All Saint's at St. Paul's Episcopal, Rock Creek Parish. During this beautiful service of evening prayer, spirituals and anthems will be sung by the choir, followed by a 35-minute organ recital by Julie Vidrick Evans on the beautiful Dobson Pipe Organ.

The Chancel Choir will sing *Canticles* by Herbert Brewer, *Psalm 34* by Owen Burdick and *Anthems* by Neswick and White. A brief organ recital by Julie Evans on the fully visible console will follow and include: *Variations on a theme* by Paganini for pedal solo; Thalben-Ball, *Concerto in F Major*, Handel; and *Prelude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain*, Maurice Duruflé.

The church is located at Rock Creek Church Road and Webster Street, NW. All are welcome.

St. Paul's is celebrating their 300th anniversary with a year of events. For more information, visit [www.rockcreekparish.org/pages/Our\\_Church: 300th Anniversary](http://www.rockcreekparish.org/pages/Our_Church:_300th_Anniversary).

## Children's Choir News

**Save the Date**  
December 18, 10 a.m.  
**Christmas Pageant**

Joann Moorer will be working with the Carol Choir, Junior Choir and Sunday School children throughout November and December to prepare a delightful telling of the Christmas story. A few parent volunteers are needed to help with various tasks. Please email Joann, [joann@chevychasepc.org](mailto:joann@chevychasepc.org), if you are willing to assist.

### **Please make a note:**

Carol Choir and Junior Choir rehearsals are canceled on **Sunday, November 27** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## ADDITIONAL CONCERTS BY JULIE VIDRICK EVANS

Julie will perform in a brief program for the Potomac American Guild of Organists. The concert will take place on **Monday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Kensington, Md.

On **Saturday, November 19 at 4 p.m.** at Spencerville Seventh-Day Adventist Church, join Julie as she performs music by Handel, Bach, Mendelssohn, Thalben-Ball and Duruflé. The church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20905-3913, [www.spencervillesda.org](http://www.spencervillesda.org).



## Chevy Chase Concert Series

**Joann Moorer Performs**  
**Sunday, November 20—4 p.m.**

Since 2010, lyric soprano Joann Moorer has served as Assistant Director of Music at CCPC. She holds degrees in music from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the Peabody Conservatory. She is currently pursuing a Graduate Performance Diploma from Peabody. Her program, "Giving Thanks for Love" will feature works by Liszt, Bernstein and Britten.

**A Chevy Chase Christmas**  
**Sunday, December 11—4 p.m.**

This annual tradition of the singing and ringing choirs of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church is sure to enhance your Christmas season with choral music of the season, including the Durante *Magnificent* and audience carol singing. The Christmas spirit is sure to follow you and yours out the door.

## Adult Education and Nurture at CCPC

### Sunday Mornings—Continuing in November 2011

#### The Bible in Context Class

(Meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in Room 350-B, third floor, Education Building)

***The Gospel of Mark.*** Participants are invited to study the Gospel of Mark with teachers Dottie Boerner, Beth Nyhus and John Weicher.

#### 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 group invites you to join their discussion of Mary Gordon's book, *Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospels*, so 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 November for the following discussions:

**November 13, 20 and December 4 - "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life"**

You are invited to join Ed White for a lively discussion of Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Rohr posits that "in the first half of life, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity – climbing and achieving and performing. But those concerns will not serve us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that actually shocks us out of our prior comfort zone. Eventually, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life giving way. The message of 'falling down' – that is in fact moving upward – is the most resisted and counterintuitive of messages in the world's religions, including and most especially Christianity." How is it with you? Come join the discussion.

**Leader:** The Rev. Ed White, retired PCUSA minister, Consultant with the Alban Institute and Parish Associate at CCPC.

**Note:** NO Open Forum on **November 6** (worship at 10 a.m. followed by a congregational brunch) or **November 27** (Thanksgiving Weekend).

### 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 p.m. in Room 350-B** (third floor, Education Building, street side). Bring your Bibles and join us **on November 16** as we continue reading the Gospel of John!

## FOCUS Classes Continue!



Photo Courtesy of Chris Ertz

FOCUS classes continue in November and are open to the members and friends of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church and the larger community. Classes are held from 7:30 – 9 p.m. with dinner available (\$7/adult; \$3/children 3-10; children under 2 eat free; RESERVATIONS REQUIRED) from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in Chadsey Hall.

### *I Love to Tell the Story*

Bring your Bibles to *Firesides* and study these texts with some distinguished teachers:

**November 3 — Matthew 14:22-34** with the Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn, *Executive Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery, Washington, D.C.*

**November 10 — Acts 9:1-20** with Jane Duffield, *Interim Associate Minister of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.*

### *“Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters: Problems and Possibilities in Pursuing Restorative Justice.”*

Come to *Geneva Hall* to explore two of the many criminal justice issues with which our society is wrestling both locally and globally.

**On November 3, The Rev. Elenora Giddings Ivory**, will present a biblical and theological framework to the issues of criminal justice presented in previous weeks through her perspective from the World Council of Churches and their call for global justice.

**The Rev. James Atwood, our final speaker on November 10**, will examine violence in our society, particularly the issue of guns.

### *Open Flow Yoga at CCPC*

The ancient practice of yoga *asanas* (poses) are to help us to be physically, emotionally and spiritually present to God. In Open Flow Yoga at CCPC, participants will have an opportunity to turn off the world and just be – reflecting quietly and individually on some of the more profound truths of our faith. Participants are encouraged to bring a notebook to class so they can spend the final 15 minutes of class journaling on the spiritual theme of the evening. Participants should wear clothing that they can bend and stretch in comfortably, a yoga mat, a large towel, a notebook and a writing instrument to class.

Open Flow Yoga will take place in *Room 350A-B* on the third floor of the Education Building with leader Meg Artley, a long-time CCPC member who has practiced Vinyasa Yoga for five years.

### REGISTER ONLINE AT

[WWW.CHEVYCHASEPC.ORG](http://WWW.CHEVYCHASEPC.ORG) OR RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR CHOICES AND DINNER RESERVATIONS. WE’LL SEE YOU THERE!

## Crisis Management Seminar with Jim Moorhead Monday, November 14 7:30 p.m. in Firesides



On any given day there's a good chance that you, your family, friends or colleagues are dealing with personal or professional crises:

- a death in the family • marital troubles
- serious health issues • financial challenges

Everybody will experience a crisis, yet few people know what steps to take when trouble hits.

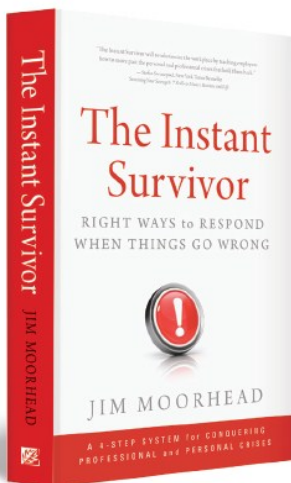
CCPC member Jim Moorhead, a crisis advisor to companies and their executives, has more than 30 years of experience teaching people how to maintain focus, energy and confidence when they face serious conflicts. He has developed a simple, actionable four-step system to help himself—and others—clear the types of professional and personal hurdles that many individuals encounter during their lives.



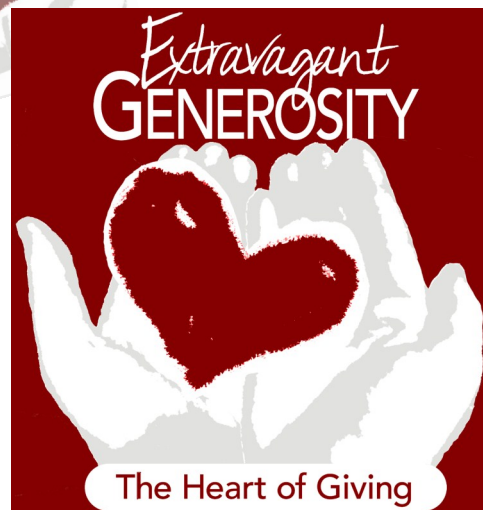
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Jim is also the author of *The Instant Survivor: Right Ways to Respond When Things Go Wrong*, which will be published at the end of February 2012.

Please join us, and bring a friend, for a lively discussion of strategies and practical techniques for coping with crises.



## Remember to send in your Estimate of Giving for our 2012 Stewardship Campaign.



Make sure to join us on **Sunday, November 6** for Stewardship Sunday as we gather together for one worship service at 10 a.m. followed by the annual Stewardship Brunch.

## Inquirers' Seminar Scheduled

Our second Inquirers' Seminar of the program year will be offered on **Sunday, November 13, 2011 from 12:15 to 3:30 p.m.** in Room 250 (Geneva Hall) at CCPC. This session is open not only to those persons who may have decided to become members, but also to persons who may be 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.

If you are interested in participating in the seminar on November 13 (or know someone who may be interested), please contact Lynn Jostes, Associate Pastor at 202-363-2202 or [lynn@chevychasepc.org](mailto: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.

## New Dates Available for Having Your Picture Taken for Our Directory!

We are producing a new pictorial directory for CCPC and need all members to sign up for family photographs to make the directory a success. Sessions can be scheduled online through the CCPC website, [www.chevyCHASEPC.org](http://www.chevyCHASEPC.org), OR by stopping by Chadsey Hall after each Sunday Service in October.

Weekday appointments are from 3 – 8:20 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. – 3:50 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

There is no cost and each family will receive a free directory and complimentary 8 x 10 photo. You will receive your proof immediately after your session and can buy additional copies for friends and family and order portraits, collages and cards in time for the holidays.

The photography sessions begin at the church on Sunday, November 13, and continue Tuesday, November 15 through Saturday, November 19.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Flower Committee will begin to take orders for the poinsettias that will decorate the church for Christmas on **Sunday, November 27** in Chadsey Hall. The cost of each plant is \$15. Order forms will be available in the December *Gateway* and at the church. All orders must be placed by **December 15**.

## Nominations for CCPC Leadership

The Nominating Committee for 2011-12 would like to request your assistance in identifying potential nominees for elders, deacons and one auditor. We cannot know every individual in the congregation, so we will be relying on you to bring talented, faithful and caring nominees to our attention. A copy of the Nominating form is included and the complete

Nomination flyers may be found in the Friendship folders in the pews or on the tables in the Narthex. Self nominations are welcomed. Suggestions may also be e-mailed to Catherine Triantis at [catherinetriantis@gmail.com](mailto:catherinetriantis@gmail.com), placed in the offering basket or mailed to the church c/o the Nominating Committee.

### Nomination Form for CCPC Officer

I suggest the following Nomination:

Name	Office
_____	_____

Please tell us about the nominee and why you think he/she would be an effective officer.

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Do you know how the person is currently involved at CCPC? (officer, committee, teacher activities, etc.)

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Is there anything else you would like us to know about the nominee?

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Signed (optional)

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On November 20, 2011 our open doors will be open  
*even wider* so that you can

**see** for yourself what Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church Worship Services are like  
**hear** our excellent musicians and the excited sounds of all the kids in our congregation  
be in **touch** with neighbors and friends and issues that impact our lives  
and **taste** and **smell** the breakfast goodies we have to eat after services!

## Come to Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church's Open House Sunday, November 20, 2011

### **Activities that day** – You are welcome to any and all!

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship Service, includes a time with children before Sunday School  
**9:45 a.m.** Kids go to Sunday School from the worship service  
**9:45 a.m.** Adult Education Courses:  
    The Bible in Context—*The Gospel of Mark*  
    Faith Trek—*Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospels*  
    Open Forum—"Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life"  
**10:30 a.m.** Goodies, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Lemonade in Chadsey Hall  
**11:00 a.m.** Worship Service  
**12:00 p.m.** Goodies, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Lemonade in Chadsey Hall

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