



**The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church**  
*Where Faith and Life Intersect at the Gateway to the City*  
 Christ our Center  
 Children our Blessing  
 Justice our Passion

# PASTORAL NOTES

## Meet Jane Duffield

*Interim Associate Minister*

I am pleased to announce that Jane Duffield of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has accepted the position of Interim Associate Minister.\*

Jane has been active in the Presbyterian Church all her life. She recently graduated from Union Theological Seminary in New York City with a Masters of Divinity degree. She has a special interest in youth and young adults and is particularly committed to mission outreach. A previously earned degree in Social Work has prepared her to do pastoral care. In addition, Minister Duffield has extensive experience bringing to life the vision of an organization.

Jane comes to the ministry as a second career, having worked as the spokesperson at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for many years. She is the founding director of one of the country's premier academic medical center news bureaus and managed some of the world's leading medical news stories.

She has said of her calling, "My theological training at Union was both intellectually stimulating and spiritually

formative. I blossomed as a minister during my field education experience at West End Presbyterian Church in Manhattan's Upper West Side. I believe I am well-suited for this position



because of my faith in Jesus Christ, teaching and preaching skills, commitment to mission and ability to relate to others regardless of their age or social position in life. I know the challenges of being faithful in a secular world."

***Come Meet Jane!***  
**Sunday, September 18**

Our new Interim Associate Minister, Jane Duffield, will be present at both worship services, 9:30 and 11 a.m., on **September 18** to meet the congregation.

Come join us to say hello and welcome her to Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church!

Minister Duffield comes from a long line of Presbyterian ministers, in which one of her ancestors ministered to the U.S. Continental Congress in the 18<sup>th</sup> century!

Jane was highly recommended by all her references, as a fellow elder from Pittsburgh said of her: "I can't speak strongly enough for her. Anything she takes on she does with great zeal and is effective. She was very well respected by Session."

As an interim minister, Jane's contract will begin October 1 and continue for one year, with the possibility

\*Why "Minister" and not "Pastor"? Jane is a candidate for ministry, but not yet ordained as a "pastor." She has completed all the requirements for ordination and we have requested that the National Capital Presbytery ordain her. Until she is ordained, her title will be "Minister," as required by the PC(USA).

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of extending the contract further as we seek an installed Associate Pastor.

I thank the members of the Interim Search Committee who worked so hard to find Jane, and the Session members who carefully considered and accepted her candidacy.

I invite you to come and meet Jane on September 18 as she joins us for worship and fellowship.

I give thanks to God for this congregation and for the Holy Spirit who continues in our midst as we seek to be faithful.

*God's Blessings,  
Molly*

## ABOUT THE SEARCH

Following the announcement of Steve Robertson's move to a new congregation, the Session formed an Interim Search Committee. The ISC was chaired by Elder Sally Cox and included Dave Notley, Elder Tracy Loh, Elder Barbara Howell and John Yahner. Elder Norm Stant, Clerk to Session, served as an advisor to the committee.

The ISC listed the position on the National Capital Presbytery website, and our CCPC website. The position was also listed at Wesley Seminary and advertised in the online version of *The Christian Century*. Members of the ISC contacted the Presbytery of Baltimore as well as leaders outside the Presbyterian denomination to cast a wide net to attract as many candidates as possible.

The ISC received resumes from nine individuals, eight women and one man. The committee contacted three additional potential candidates who were not interested in the position. Telephone interviews were conducted with seven individuals. Three individuals, two women and one man, were invited to personal interviews with the ISC and with Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert. One candidate withdrew to accept another position.

After much prayer and careful consideration the Committee recommended that the Session hire Jane Duffield, believing that her gifts and experience made her the best candidate for the position. At the August 23 meeting, the Session voted unanimously to hire Minister Duffield.

## WHO DOES WHAT AT CCPC?

*In recent months, the responsibilities of our pastoral staff have shifted.*

*Here is a summary of the areas of service for each of our pastors/minister:*



As **Senior Pastor and Head of Staff**, the **Reverend Molly Blythe Teichert** is the primary spiritual leader for this congregation.

She is called to lead CCPC to faithfully serve Jesus Christ through the Vision to which God has called CCPC. Our vision: God

is calling CCPC to make Christ the center of our lives; to celebrate and equip the youngest generation of our church to do the work to which Christ has called us all; and to

work in the world for justice. Rev. Blythe Teichert is the principal worship leader and preacher, and Moderator of the **Session**. She serves as staff liaison to the **Worship and Music Committee** along with Director of Music Julie Vidrick Evans. She shares the responsibility for pastoral care with the other pastors. Molly also staffs the **Stewardship Committee**, teaching and encouraging the congregation to make *Christ the Center* of our lives - including through our finances. As Head of Staff, Molly works with the **Personnel Committee** to supervise and align the staff to serve Jesus Christ through the Vision of this church.



The **Reverend Lynn Jostes**, our *Associate Pastor for Christian Nurture*, is called to be the primary teacher and educator for the church.

Pastor Lynn is responsible for the spiritual formation ministries for adults, children and youth. She seeks to lead the church to celebrate and equip the youngest generation of our church to do the work to which Christ has called us all, *Children our Blessing*. Pastor Lynn staffs the **Christian Education Committee** and oversees the Church School and FOCUS programs. She supervises the staff of the Weekday Nursery School, After School Program and the Nursery. She is responsible for family ministries and oversees the Confirmation process. Pastor Lynn also leads membership ministries including the Inquirers' classes, Bible studies, and officer training. She staffs the **Connections Committee** to build a strong fellowship among our members through picnics, special events and the church directory. Pastor Lynn shares the responsibility for pastoral care, worship leadership and preaching with the other pastors.

*Parish Associate*, the **Reverend Dr. Robert Angus**, serves our congregation through occasional preaching and worship leadership.

He also assists with pastoral care, especially to our members who live in the Ingleside Retirement Community in Washington, D.C. Rev. Angus has a particular interest in the Middle East and participates with the Middle East Lecture Series working group.



As *Interim Associate Minister*, **Jane Duffield** will be responsible for the ministries of pastoral care, mission and youth.

In coordination with the other pastors, Jane will provide pastoral care to members of the congregation. She will work with the **Board of Deacons** and the Care Teams to bring the presence of Christ to those who are grieving, sick or lonely. She will staff the **Mission Committee** in its efforts to work in the world for justice, *Justice our Passion*. She will also coordinate Open Forum. Minister Duffield will supervise the **Youth Ministries Associate**, Becky Wood, and oversee the overall Youth Ministries program. She will share the responsibilities for teaching Confirmation classes. Jane also shares the responsibility for leading worship, preaching and teaching with the other pastors.

*Parish Associate (designate)*, the **Reverend Dr. Ed White** is serving our congregation through occasional teaching.

He is currently organizing a program to explore masculine spirituality. He will also be teaching an Open Forum series focusing on Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward*, which explores the spiritual journey in "the second half of life." From the book: "None of us go into our spiritual maturity completely out of our own accord. We are led by Mystery which religious people rightly call grace."



# OUR VISION

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