

INTERCESSOR LIST

- ◆ **Pink prayer request sheets** are available on the podium before worship. All are invited to write their joys and concerns; these will be shared with the congregation during the Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession.
- ◆ **Names of extended church family and friends are added to the list for six weeks.** If you would like an extension at the end of the six weeks, phone or email the church office: 410-747-6180 or office@catonsvillepresb.org.

Your prayers are appreciated for those in our church family:

The Duffey Family
Samantha Enokian
The Hall Family
Family of Jack Isaacs
Kris McElroy
Tina Pritchard
Dean Renner
Cheryl Thurber and Family

Your prayers are appreciated for our extended church family and friends:

Nicole Beaver
*Daniel W. Denton
Scott Parks
Steven Pfeiffer
Family of Joseph Renton
Greg Ruchti
Suzanne Mott Rudiselle
*Elliott Wolf
*Jason Woolard

**Serving in the U.S. military*

Your ongoing prayers are appreciated for our homebound members:

David Hardy, Jr.
Dot Kielman
Sandy Lord
James A. Nesbitt
Emma Pennington
Carolyn Respass
Janis Roberts
Pat Schwartz
Palmer Watkins

To add a name, please contact Rev. Kovacs or Rev. Boulton at 410-747-6180.

Life in the Community



For the week of September 17–23, 2017

We Choose Welcome!

Christian Education

The rosebud on the Communion table is in honor of Berkeley Olivia Schoenfelder, born June 28, 2017, to Julie and Robert Schoenfelder. She joins her brother Samuel.

Children & youth music programs begin on Sept. 17th. Doug Heist will begin rehearsals with students in grades 1-12. Grades 5 and up meet at 8:45 a.m., and grades 1-4 meet at 9 a.m. in the choir room. As an integral part of our ministry to families, the church recognizes the value of giving our youth the opportunity to participate in worship as they learn the value of making music together and offering praise to God.

Classroom Info:

- ▶ Infants–Age 2: Downstairs from the Frederick Road door (under the library)
- ▶ Preschool/Ages 3 & 4: Downstairs in the Hoppers Room (blue)
- ▶ K–2nd Grade: Second floor, near the Child Care Center door
- ▶ 3–5th Grade: Downstairs in the Hornets Room (yellow)
- ▶ Middle School: Upstairs from the Frederick Road door (on the left)
- ▶ Senior High: Upstairs from the Frederick Road door (on the right)

Youth Night: Middle and high school youth (Rising Stars & Crossroads) are meeting for dinner, fun, fellowship, and planning this evening, Sunday, Sept. 17th, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. If you haven't yet RSVP'd, please contact Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepresb.org, or see her in person after worship.

Third Grade Bibles are presented today to

Finley Rose Dugan
Lola Grace MacNeal
Kevin Nathaniel Chame Maxwell

Church School Mission: Our collection of peanut butter and jelly for our neighborhood food pantry, CEA, will be ongoing throughout September. Please bring your items to the baskets in the sanctuary (on the chancel).

Our all-church picnic is after worship on Sept. 24th.

Christian Education Committee meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17th, in the France Room. Volunteers are welcome to join us to help plan fall youth events for Lord's Little People (grades 3-5), plus upcoming Advent/Christmas activities. Contact Jodie Virago at jvirago@gmail.com for information.

At-home Resource for Church School Parents: There are conversation pages for use at home with our Sunday curriculum for preschool–fifth graders. To access these, as well as the weekly Bible stories, please go to www.growinggracegratitude.org and click on the For the Home link. We encourage you to download the ebook, plus “Grace Sightings” for Fall 2017.

Sunday Child Care Volunteers Needed: We are currently looking for volunteers to help care for our youngest members during Sunday worship. Volunteers work along with our paid helpers each week in the Nursery/Kangaroo and the Hopper rooms. Adults and youth (6th grade and up) can help. If interested, please contact Megan Long at mhutton1@yahoo.com or 410-952-9407, and we can add you to our schedule! Thank you.

Emergency Cleanup Buckets & Hygiene Kits: Our Mission Committee is meeting to make plans for assembly and delivery. Info coming soon.

Growing in Grace: Adult Education Offerings.

9:00 a.m. in the library. Childcare is always provided.

New opportunities to deepen and grow in God's grace!

September 17: We Choose Welcome. Did you know that there are close to seventy Bible verses that talk about offering care for the refugee, the alien, the sojourner, and the stranger? In conjunction with our new We Choose Welcome campaign and support of local refugee families, **Susan Jaeger** and **Ken Kovacs** will walk us through the Bible's mandate to offer welcome and hospitality.

September 24: Refugee Relief Update. We hear a lot about refugees and immigrants in the press these days. Susan Krehbiel, who has considerable experience and expertise in this area, will update us on the current state of affairs, including how recent federal policy changes are impacting refugee and immigrant resettlement. We'll also hear from our Refugee Relief Group, CPC members directly involved in the care and support of refugees struggling to live in the Catonsville area.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: As we mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this is a good time to engage in serious Bible study. This fall we're going to explore the nature of prophetic literature through some of the Minor Prophets—although there's nothing “minor” about them (they're just shorter compared with Jeremiah or Isaiah). We'll start with Hosea, and then make our way through Joel, Amos,

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Calendar September 17–24, 2017

Sunday 9/17

- 9:00 a.m. Church School, ages 3 through high school
 9:00 a.m. Adult Education, Library
 9:00 a.m. Christian Education Committee, France Rm
 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
 11:45 a.m. Peace & Justice Committee, France Rm
 11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee, Library
 3:00 p.m. Concert by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
 Chamber Musicians, Sanctuary and Reception, FH
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth Night Welcome-Back Dinner for Middle & Senior High

Monday, 9/18

Tuesday, 9/19

- 9:30 a.m. Needles Group, Library

Wednesday, 9/20

- 3:00 p.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Library
 7:00 p.m. Dr. Robert R. Jones Lecture, Sanctuary

Thursday, 9/21

- 3:30 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary
 6:45-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Upper Music Rm
 7:35-9:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm

Friday, 9/22

Saturday 9/23

Sunday, 9/24

- 9:00 a.m. Church School, ages 3 thru high school
 9:00 a.m. Adult Education, Library
 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. All-Church Picnic

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Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, etc. To help us go deeper into this biblical genre, we'll read Walter Brueggemann's classic text *The Prophetic Imagination* (Fortress Press, 2001). What is prophetic literature? What is the role of the prophet? Brueggemann writes, "The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us." Bring your Bible and join us on Thursday, October 5, 10:30 a.m., in the library. We finish right at noon. *Led by Ken Kovacs*

Stewardship

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

Actual Income as of 09/16/2017	\$ 353,391
Actual Expense as of 09/16/2017	\$ -365,117
Total	\$ -11,726

The vitality of this ministry is secured by God's grace and funded by the faithfulness and commitment of God's people. We are counting on the ongoing generosity of our members and friends.

Per Capita for 2017: \$34.15. To date, we have received **\$2,378** toward the 2017 yearly assessment of \$14,206. CPC pays this per-member assessment to the PC(USA) for administrative expenses of the Baltimore Presbytery, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and the General Assembly.

Retiring Our Mortgage through the

"Embracing the Vision" Capital Campaign as 09/17/2017

▶ Number of pledges to date	90
▶ Total dollar amount pledged	\$ 546,191
▶ Gifts received to date	\$ 607,442
▶ Current Mortgage Balance	\$ 34,004

Worship through Music

If you are someone who finds yourself enjoying the communal experience of singing together and want to get more involved, the doors to the chancel choir are always open. **Chancel Choir rehearsals** are Thursdays, 7:35-9:00 p.m. in the choir room, and we meet before worship on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, Sep. 7th.

The **handbell choir** is looking for new ringers this season. No ringing experience is necessary, but it is strongly recommended that players know how to read music. Handbell choir rehearsals are Thursdays, 6:45-7:30 p.m. We'll begin the season with a "polishing party" and iPad training on Thursday, Sep. 14th.

If you are interested in getting involved with the chancel or handbell choirs, or want more information, feel free to speak to me or a current

member, or send me an e-mail (music@catonsvillepresb.org).

Please join me in thanking all of the volunteer musicians (choirs, vocalists, instrumentalists) who contribute in such a valuable way to our worship experience! And, of course, we are fortunate to have Doug Heist leading us from the keyboard and directing our children in singing. *Greg Knauf*, Director of Music

Deacon of the Day

There is a deacon available on Sunday mornings to help members of our church family and guests by greeting, assisting, and acting as a point person for congregational emergencies or special needs. The name of the deacon is in the bulletin, and he/she usually sits near the door leading into fellowship hall. Feel free to contact the Deacon of the Day or a member of the Board of Deacons with any issues or concerns. *Debbie Anderson*, Moderator

Update on Blessings in a Backpack

The Deacons are grateful for all that everyone did to make our backpack collection a success! We donated 10 backpacks with supplies to Grace A.M.E. and 9 to Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA). All extra supplies were taken to CEA. In addition, we received \$150 in cash donations, which will be divided and sent to three area schools for students needing assistance. Thank you! *Jackie Hopkins and Aaron Plymouth*

Church-Wide Picnic

Plans are well underway for our annual church picnic. This is a great time to welcome new members and guests, and a great time for fellowship. The picnic will follow worship on Sunday, September 24. Please bring a side dish or salad to share. Dessert and the main course will be provided.

Have a musical gift you would like to share? We are looking for volunteers to entertain the congregation during the picnic. All interested should contact Dean Renner at wendeldrenner@comcast.net.

Robert P. Jones at CPC

Dr. Jones, founding CEO of PRRI, will give a talk and present findings from his recent book, *The End of White Christian America*. **Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m.** This special event is sponsored by the West Side Story Ministry Group of Baltimore Presbytery.

He is a leading scholar and commentator on religion and politics and the author of many articles on religion and public policy. He writes a column for *The Atlantic* online on politics and culture and appears regularly on Interfaith Voices, the nation's leading religion news-magazine on public radio. He is frequently featured in major national media such as MSNBC, CNN, NPR, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and others. Jones serves as the co-chair of the national steering committee for the Religion and Politics Section at the American Academy of Religion and is a member of the editorial boards for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* and

for *Politics and Religion*, a journal of the American Political Science Association.

Jones holds a Ph.D. in religion from Emory University and a M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For more information about Robert P. Jones and PRRI, see: <https://www.prrri.org/staff/robert-p-jones-ph-d>.

Developing a New Window Into CPC

In July, the newly formed Website Design Team had its first meeting. Revamping our website is overdue. This window into CPC serves both our members and the community. For members, it provides information on current events, contact information, and useful links. For the community, it provides a feel of what we're about, what we value, and who we are. We are all excited to produce a modern website that does all of these things in an easily navigated site and phone app too! **At our August 30 meeting**, we reviewed the input from the Mirror and Window exercises that were done throughout August. We plan to contract with a design firm in September. **If you're interested in joining this group**, see Ken Kovacs. *Vickie Lord*, for the Website Design Team

Community Event

Autumnal Equinox Hike & Campfire at the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park & Museum, 300 Oella Avenue, Catonsville. Friday, September 22, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This day is about equal daylight and nighttime and is the first official day of autumn, so enjoy a hike with a naturalist and then relax by the campfire for s'mores. Adults & children ages 4+. Nonmembers \$5/members \$3. Advance registration required. Email BannekerMuseum@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov or call 410-887-1081.