

INTERCESSOR LIST

◆ 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, please phone or email the church office: 410-747-6180 or office@catonsvillepresb.org.

◆ Pink prayer request sheets are available before worship on the podium. All are invited to write their joys and concerns; these will be shared with the congregation during the Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession.

Your prayers are appreciated for those in our church family:

Sally Brown & Family
Family of Nancy Burger
The Duffey Family
The Gaither Family
Kris McElroy
Megan Peercy
Tina Pritchard

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

Jane Bevan
Don Anderson & Family
Lois Comisac
Richard Duckworth
*Daniel W. Denton
John Genoa
Bobbie Harris
Noah Herrick
Greg Ruchti
Suzanne Mott
Rudiselle
*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 July 16-22, 2017

Please note:

Armchairs are placed randomly.
Allow those who need the support of a sturdier chair to use them.

Compassion: A Summer Worship/Sermon Series for All Ages

We will be exploring stories of compassion throughout the summer. Adam Walker Cleveland, a Presbyterian minister and illustrator, has put together an illustrated curriculum for children. Each week, we will highlight one story and creatively reflect on it through drama, music, coloring, and conversation. The sermon each week will complement the children's curriculum. All of us—all ages—will be engaging the story together. *Ken Kovacs*

Christian Education

Keep Connected this Summer! *Illustrated Art: Compassion* is available for families to use while on vacation. Please contact Dorothy Boulton or leave a message at the church office so we can send the materials to you. The pdf file includes all of the lectionary-based Bible stories, coloring sheets, and discussion questions. Excellent for family trips! (Note: these are the same materials we'll be using in worship each Sunday through Sept. 3.)

Vacation Bible School: We're getting close to our long-awaited VBS week! If you haven't yet registered your 4 year old – teen as part of our *HERO CENTRAL: Discover Your Faith in God* program, [now is the time](#). Registration forms are on the CPC website and on the Youth bulletin board outside of the library/France Room. We'd love to have you join us at Hope Presbyterian Church, 9–noon, July 24–28th, for a fabulous week of Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and more. For more information, please contact Dorothy Boulton at the church office.

Stewardship

Per Capita for 2017: \$34.15. To date, we have received \$2,201 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.

Actual Income as of 07/15/2017	\$ 277,694
Actual Expense as of 07/15/2017	\$ -295,502
Total	\$ -17,808

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.

Give Before You Go: The cicadas are singing, summer is here. The pool promises a cooling respite, and on Sunday morning we are now meeting in the air-conditioned fellowship hall.

Things change with the season, but some things stay the same. We continue to make a difference in people's lives all year long, and our monthly expenses continue regardless of the season. Your regular giving (pledged or unpledged) supports this work. So, before you head out of town this summer, please remember to **give before you go**. Thank you! And, safe travels!

**Retiring Our Mortgage through the
"Embracing the Vision" Capital Campaign as 07/16/2017.**

▶ Number of pledges to date	90
▶ Total dollar amount pledged	\$ 546,191
▶ Gifts received to date	\$ 607,232
▶ Current Mortgage Balance	\$ 35,394

Flowers for Summer Worship

Summer is a great time to have flowers from our gardens grace the Communion table in fellowship hall. Please feel free to **bring flowers from your yard, in your own vase, to decorate our worship**. Call me, Connie Renner, at 410-997-4168 if you have questions.

Searching for a Communications Specialist

Catonsville Presbyterian Church is looking for a **part-time specialist to help us more effectively communicate** CPC's ministry to our members, friends and the wider community. Duties include managing the church's website and social media sites and developing content, including video and audio assets. This person will also edit the monthly newsletter, and create other print media, such as program brochures and event fliers. Interested? Please contact Ken Kovacs at 410-747-6180 or kkovacs@catonsvillepreb.org.

Blessings in a Backpack!

Roster of Church Boards

Session

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Kovacs

Clerk: David Hutton

2017: Robert Burriesci, Vickie Lord, Megan Peercy, Reid Spearman, Laurie White

2018: Raimon Cary, Wylene Davies, Cynthia Gunderson, Susan Krehbiel, Jodie Virago

2019: Vitya Blay, Alison Enokian, Keith Glennan, Craig Hornig, Ann Nickels

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Deborah Anderson

2017: Evelyn Hayner, Kristine Holmes, Richard Johns, Faith Mayange, Aaron Plymouth

2018: Deborah Anderson, Jacqueline Hopkins, Kristin Koblisch, Ann Quinn, Josephine Titanji

2019: Mary Blanchard, Judith Brownawell, Donna McAdoo-Bucher, Eugene Wayne Ford, Agnes Schneider

Board of Trustees

President: John Dittman

2017: John Gaither, Jr., Norman Lazarus, Sandra McDermott, Susan Smith

2018: Gerald Brownawell, John Dittman, Joel Hutton, Todd Walther

2019: David Carr, Amy Oaks LoPresti, Gary Offutt, Carl Schneider

Envision Fund Board

Chair: Alex Hall

2017: Robert Cooper, Tracy Lantz

2018: Alex Hall

2019: Jeffrey Bolognese, Jeanne Mueller

Representatives of respective boards: Mary Blanchard (Deacons), Amy Oaks LoPresti (Trustees), Laurie White (Session)

Church Treasurer: Hemi Lee Gallagher

Pledge Secretary: Marge Hetrick

Associate Pledge Secretary: Keith Glennan

Hymn continued:
"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

The Board of Deacons is holding its annual drive for **new school supplies** in conjunction with CEA and Grace A.M.E. Church to assist families in need in the Catonsville area. Please place donations in the bins in fellowship hall. *If you prefer to make a monetary donation*, make checks payable to CPC with Backpacks for Success on the memo line.

The last day for contributions is Sunday, August 20. Volunteers are needed that day to assemble the backpacks. For questions or to volunteer, contact Aaron Plymouth or Jackie Hopkins. Thank you for your support.

Elementary School Supply List

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| • backpack book bag – no wheels | • 1 pack of crayons |
| • ruler, metric & standard measurements | • liquid school glue |
| • 2 "marble" composition books | • 2 glue sticks |
| • washable magic markers | • scissors |
| • 1 large eraser | • 3 ballpoint pens |
| • pencil sharpener – cap for shavings | • highlighter |
| • 12 pencils – #2 | • 5 pocket folders |
| • pencil top erasers | • colored pencils |
| • pencil box (for scissors, pencils, markers, etc.) | |

Waking Up White: The Conversation Continues

During the season of Lent, we read Debby Irving's *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* (2014). **This book had an enormous influence upon members of the congregation**, raising consciousness and awareness around issues of race and privilege. We want to continue the conversation and go deeper. Jeff Bolognese will host a meeting in the France Room on Wednesday evening, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. to talk and consider future options.

Questions Related to Today's Story

- What do you think of Jesus' response to the rich ruler? Do you think you would have felt compassion like Jesus did? (Or frustration? Or understanding? Or anger? Something else?)
- Imagine for a moment you are the rich ruler. You want so badly to follow Jesus, but you have a lot of stuff and Jesus is asking you to give it all away. How do you think you would feel and what do you think you would do?
- When you don't do what God has asked you to do, how do you picture God responding to you? Do you imagine God looks at you with loving compassion like Jesus did in this story?
- Sometimes, we don't feel able to do something big right away, but we can take baby steps and make small choices in that direction. Is there something in your life that feels too big to do right now? What is a step you could take in that direction, even if it's small?

Community Events

Treasure Sale at the Charlestown Retirement Community. Friday, July 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 29, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. John Erickson Conference Center, 719 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville. Visitors are allowed on campus beginning 8:30 a.m. both days.

On Saturday, July 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum, Inc., present ***Banneker and Space Travel***. Banneker was one of the first African Americans who enjoyed math and studied the stars, but he certainly wasn't the last. Enjoy the recent movie *Hidden Figures* that sheds light on the role of three African American female mathematicians involved in our effort to get an American into space in the 1960s, followed by a discussion connecting Banneker's work to recent advancements in space exploration. Adults and children 7+ are FREE. Advance registration required: 410-887-1081 or BannekerMuseum@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov.

Calendar July 16–23, 2017

Sunday 7/16

9:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Session Retreat

Monday, 7/17

Tuesday, 7/18

9:30 a.m. Needles Group, Library
7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee, Conference Rm

Wednesday, 7/19

3:00 p.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Library
7:30 p.m. Waking Up White: the Conversation Continues,
France Rm

Thursday, 7/20

3:30 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Website Design Meeting, Conference Rm

Friday, 7/21

Saturday 7/22

Sunday, 7/23

9:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall

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