

June 18, 2021

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Opening Up, Further

By Kenneth Kovacs and Melissa Lambdin

With the number of people now fully vaccinated in Maryland, the COVID-19 positive infection rate under 1%, and Governor Hogan's recent announcement that the State of Emergency will end on July 1, it's clear that things are opening up at a faster rate than we anticipated. *Thanks be to God!*

Catonsville Presbyterian Church will reopen for in-person worship on Sunday, July 4th at 9:30 a.m., as we had planned, but with a greater capacity. Our focus will remain on keeping everyone safe, so we respectfully request that attendees wear a mask to protect those who are not currently eligible to receive the vaccine.

The bathrooms will be open, and no reservations are required. We ask that family members sit together and practice social distancing. The balcony will be closed.

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While we cannot yet include congregational singing in worship (at least on the first Sunday), we do plan to provide soloists or small choral groups so we can all enjoy music in the sanctuary.

For those who are not yet ready to worship in person, we will set up livestreaming on Facebook and YouTube. Instructions for access will also be available on our website. If there are any technical issues on any given Sunday, a recordings of the service will always be available, posted on You Tube later in the day.

Our Opening Up Task Force includes healthcare professionals who are monitoring Covid-19 data in the area and across the state. We will continue to monitor and evaluate our in-person worship plan and revise it as needed, using science and best practice examples as our guide.

Memorial services are being scheduled and we have increased our capacity for attendance to provide

seating for 25 family members close together in the front rows and up to 75 additional family members and guests in the remaining rows in a socially distanced arrangement. Reservations will be required for the 75 guests.

We ask for grace and patience during this period of transition. As Presbyterians, it is our aim to do everything "decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). Our reopening will take place in phases and, of course, everything is subject to change. We are incredibly grateful for the ability to worship together over these past sixteen months, and we look forward to seeing you in person very soon, worshipping together safely.

Online Zoom Worship will be on Sundays, June 20 and 27 at our summer time of 9:30 a.m. World Refugee Sunday is June 20, and Pride Sunday is June 27.

Seafarers Center Magazines

By Glenda K. Johnson, for the Mission Committee

Thanks to members and friends who contributed a variety of magazines for the recent Mission Committee's effort to deliver magazines to the Center. Each week the Center provides 25 bags of magazines (with four magazines per bag) to visiting ships. During recent months this quota has been very difficult to provide since there are few volunteers on site and many of the Center's fundraising activities have been cancelled.

Thanks to Bernard Lawson, our sexton, for loading the boxes of magazines into the car for delivery to the Center. Mary Davisson, Chaplain at the Center, was so pleased that we delivered about 120 magazines for their use. Seamen are often confined to their ships for longer periods of time and these reading materials are much appreciated. Mission Committee has agreed to use some available budgeted funds to provide the Center with direct subscriptions of specific titles of magazines.

The following message was received from Mary Davisson: "We are so grateful for that bounty of magazines! It's very encouraging to know that crews will be well supplied with reading matter for some time to come. Please share my heartfelt thanks with all at Catonsville Presbyterian who participated. And special thanks to you for the time you put into organizing this, and enduring traffic delays!"



Thank you, Jason!

At the end of May we offered our thanks to Dr. Jason Kissel, who served as our interim organist for these past eight months. Jason joined the staff after the death of Doug Heist, a year ago next month. Because we were recording worship on Saturday mornings Jason was free to be with us. Ordinarily on Sundays he's at the organ console and leading the choir at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church, downtown. We cannot thank Jason enough for all that he gave to us and shared with us in our time together. It was a joy for the worship team to work with him. His playing of the organ helped our spirits soar in worship and praise and calmed our spirits during the anxious times of the past year. We know it was all a labor of love. Thank you, Jason!

Catonsville Family Pride

Saturday, June 26 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm

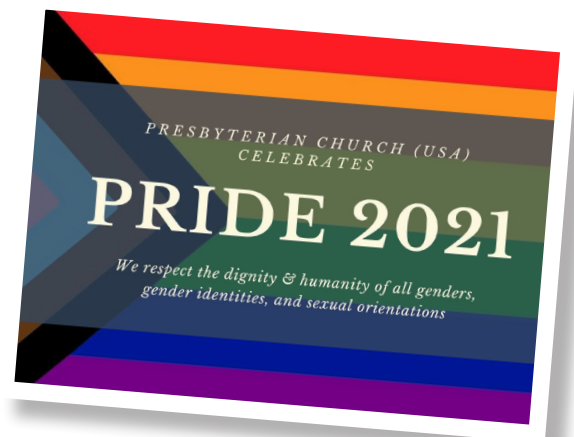
Join us in CPC's large parking lot, for the first ever Catonsville Family Pride, and show your support for the local LGBTQIA+ community. This is an inclusive event, and all are welcome to join the fun. All the activities, games and entertainment, including a Rainbow Car Caravan through Catonsville, will be kid-friendly—so bring the whole family! After the event, show your wristband to receive dining discounts at select Catonsville restaurants! Generously hosted by Catonsville Presbyterian Church in and EPIK Home Group of Keller Williams. [Learn more and get tickets via eventbrite.](#)

Lets celebrate PRIDE in Catonsville with a Rainbow social event fundraiser. If you're not able to attend, or would like more ways to support, be on the lookout for Pride flags on sale at local Catonsville retailers. Proceeds from the flag sales and the outdoor event will go towards The Children's Home. Let's paint the town rainbow!

Instagram

Follow us @catonsvillepes

Catonsville Presbyterian Church now has an Instagram page. One more way for us to connect and engage with a wider community, bearing witness to God's love, justice, and joy. Help spread the word. Follow us on Instagram here: [instagram.com/catonsvillepres/](https://www.instagram.com/catonsvillepres/)



Envision Fund

Request for Applications Fall 2021

The Envision Fund of Catonsville Presbyterian Church is a grant fund established after a generous bequest from the estate of a long-time CPC member and trustee Robert Riley. The mission of the Envision Fund is to extend the church's mission and ministry beyond the day-to-day life of the congregation. The Envision Fund awards grants for Development, Service in Community, and Social Justice Advocacy. Projects may serve the Catonsville Presbyterian Church (internal), Local, National, and/or International communities.

The Envision Board is pleased to announce a second round of funding for calendar year 2021, with an application deadline of Wednesday, September 1, 2021. External applicants must have a church-based sponsor, and internal applicants must follow a submission process with Committees of the church. Applications, Proposal Criteria, Sponsorship Forms and contact information may be found at <https://catonsvillepres.org/envision-fund/>. For any questions and/or to be connected to a Committee who may provide appropriate sponsorship, please contact envision_fund@catonsville.org.

The Need Continues

By Jenny Hutton

The need continues to be great but we can help! Here's how it works: Mail a check for \$20 payable to Chef Paolino to: Chef Paolino Café, 726 Frederick Road, Catonsville, MD 21228.

Indicate "Meat Madness" in the memo line. Checks are the only form of payment accepted. Chef Paolino's will purchase ham, turkey, roast beef, and cheese that will be sliced and delivered to the Westside Men's Shelter and My Brother's Keeper. Donations will be accepted through August 31, 2021.

Thank you for helping to feed the poor and unsheltered! Sponsored by Catonsville Presbyterian, Salem Lutheran, Catonsville United Methodist, Christian Temple, Grace AME, St. Mark Parish, New Hope Community, and Knights of Columbus Patapsco Council No. 1960.

Our Financial Resources

We rely on everyone to support what God is doing through this congregation. 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.

Doing God's Work

■ Income as of June 17, 2021	\$ 342,145
■ Expense as of June 17, 2021	\$-337,247
■ Total:	\$ 4,898

The Messenger

Our Mission

We seek to find and share God's calling for this community of faith through worship, fellowship and service.

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Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

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Welcome

