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Celebrating Twenty Years

By Kenneth Kovacs

October 1, 2022, marked Dorothy Boulton's twentieth anniversary as associate pastor at Catonsville Presbyterian Church. On Sunday, October 9 in worship, we gave thanks to God and celebrated her ministry at CPC. Then immediately after worship, we gathered in the pavilion for a lunch catered by Wieland's BBQ, Nora's Kabob, and cake from Sugar Bakers! The lunch included a program that included special tributes and the presentation of a gift on behalf of the Session. We are grateful for her ministry with us over the past two decades and for the many ways she serves God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination, love—and lots of joy.

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ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU TO ALL

By Dorothy Boulton

Thank you so much for all the kind words, the lovely cards, and the amazing celebration for my 20th anniversary at CPC. I'm grateful for the work that went in to making it such a meaningful day, and grateful most of all, for the joy and privilege of serving with you in ministry. I look forward to using the gift cards—one for the theater and one for delightful extras. I appreciate them greatly as well the thoughtfulness that went into the choosing. May God continue to bless our journey together!



GROWING IN GRACE

Adult Education Opportunities

By Kenneth Kovacs

JOIN US IN PERSON AT 9 A.M. IN THE LIBRARY. FIRST & THIRD SUNDAYS.

RADICAL ACCEPTANCE: WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT ISN'T, AND HOW TO PRACTICE IT IN A SPIRIT-ENHANCING WAY

NOVEMBER 6

We welcome Tyler Howard, the new Clinical Director at Suburban Crossroads Counseling. Radical acceptance is not agreement, endorsement, celebration, or passivity. Instead, it is being honest with ourselves and committing to action that honors our values (while making peace with what cannot be changed). We will correct misconceptions about acceptance and look to the Bible for ways radical acceptance is portrayed. We will discuss how we can practice it in life in the 21st century. For nearly fifty years, Suburban Crossroads Counseling (with offices in the CPC Church House) has provided mental health counseling and psychotherapy in Baltimore. All their counselors and social workers are licensed by the state of Maryland. Some also have additional experience in spiritually-integrated psychotherapy for individuals interested in such services.

CARING FOR THE REFUGEE

NOVEMBER 20

Rick Santos, President and CEO of Church World Service and CPC member, will provide an update on refugee relief support in the United States and Europe. Rick has just returned from a visit to Moldova and witnessed first-hand the plight of Ukraine refugees and the generosity of Moldovan families caring for them. With winter on the way, the needs are enormous.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon in person and online on November 10 and November 17 for Gospel readings from Luke. The Zoom link will be sent out each week. We will engage with the Gospel lectionary readings for each upcoming Sunday. Starting in Advent, the Gospel readings will be from Matthew. No other text is required other than your Bible.

DISMANTLING RACISM COMMITTEE

Sponsored trip to Center Stage on November 9

By Nancy Henderson

The Dismantling Racism Committee of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, Grace AME Church, and Christian Temple are sponsoring a trip to Center Stage to view the production *Ain't No Mo*. The date is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$42 for orchestra seats. Carpooling from Catonsville Presbyterian Church is available. To purchase tickets please contact Nancy Henderson at henderrath1@verizon.net or call 410 788-5414 (H) or 410 952-8371 (C).

WELCOME KRISTY HERRING

By Kenneth Kovacs

We welcome to the staff, Kristy Herring, our new Mission Coordinator. This new position, funded by a 2022 Envision grant, will work closely with the Mission Committee and Deacons to help us strengthen our engagement with the community, as well as deepen our relationship with mission partners in the area. She comes with a lot of experience in this kind of work and a deep passion for building relationships.

Kristy is an educator and missions consultant currently pursuing an Ed.D in Creativity and Innovation at Drexel University. She is the founder of the nonprofit Ministry Beyond Myself, which serves the educational and economic needs of children and families in low-resource communities in Mexico and the Dominican Republic. Kristy was the manager of congregational outreach with the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and will come to us with experience working with church youth groups.

In 2020, Kristy developed The Great Connection, which offers community-based nonprofit organizations training and assistance with program development and evaluation. Since then, she has served as a consultant to churches that seek to improve or expand their community outreach. Not only is she committed to expanding adults' understanding of service and community engagement, she likewise, provides global education and international service-learning opportunities to youth.

As an educator of English language learners, she has hosted service projects to support the resettlement of migrants and refugees in the United States. Kristy is a strong proponent of relationship building, community partnerships, service-learning, and systems thinking. She is a servant leader and provides training and support to others who are committed to serving and embracing systems thinking and relationship building to transform our communities.

AS OUR COORDINATOR, KRISTY WILL:

Reach out to current partner organizations and participate in local coordinating groups or task forces. Lead an internal process (listening campaign, surveys) to assess the congregational interests, passions, current engagement, and interest in volunteering with local community partners. Work with CPC committees and groups interested in local community ministries, to assess current commitments and activities, and to assist in coordination across committees and boards on projects. Create a database of organizations – present and suggested in the near future.

OUR GOALS FOR THIS POSITION INCLUDE:

To assess mission interests and talents within the congregation. To strengthen our relationships with local community-based organizations and other congregations who share our concern for the well-being of the community around us. To support CPC members as they volunteer, sharing their time and talents with our neighbors who find themselves in vulnerable situations (facing hunger, homelessness, lack of adequate healthcare, education, etc.) To develop new relationships that help us to hear directly from our neighbors who are often marginalized or ignored, those most impacted by economic and racial disparities.

We plan to introduce Kristy to you one Sunday in November. Many thanks to the Mission Committee for helping us to envision and realize this dream for CPC. We look forward to engaging in new forms of ministry together. We look forward to engaging in new forms of ministry together. Welcome Kristy!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

By David Hutton

The Session is a body of fifteen members, elected by the Congregation and ordained as ruling elders, who provide leadership for our congregation. Following are highlights from the Session meeting on October 5, 2022.

- Stewardship season is approaching, and Stewardship Commitment Sunday will be on November 20, 2022, when congregation members' pledges will be received during worship.
- Training for Stephen Ministers is wrapping up and the six new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned during worship on November 13, 2022.
- The Mission Committee reported that after a search by the Committee, the new Mission Coordinator has been selected. Kristy Herring will start on October 17, 2022, pending approval and passing a background check. Session voted to approve the hiring for a period of two years, based on the Envision grant for the position.
- Session approved the Dismantling Racism Committee's request to hold a book fair in December to benefit Edmondson Heights Elementary School. Proceeds from the fair will provide books and shelves for the Title I school.
- The Finance Committee reported that while expenses are on track for the year to date, income is lagging by approximately \$40,000. Members will be encouraged to bring their pledges up to date before the end of the year. The budgeting process for 2023 is beginning, and those responsible for budget accounts should submit their 2023 budget requests to the Finance Committee.
- The Christian Education Committee is analyzing the results of the recent family surveys on Christian Education programs and volunteer support. Session approved the request for CPC youth to attend a Presbytery retreat in November at the Massanetta Springs conference center in Virginia.
- Session has approved proposals from the Buildings and Grounds Committee for several measures to improve security in the church house. A security camera system will be installed at the entrances, and the entrance doors will be replaced with metal doors.
- Session approved a request from Pastor Ken Kovacs to allow him to travel to Scotland to be near his dear friend Sheila Brown as her health declines. Pulpit supply was approved to provide preaching on the Sundays that Ken will be away.

SANCTUARY HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS

By Susan Hutton

As in years past the sanctuary will be decorated for Advent and Christmas. You are invited to make donations to the fund which help make this possible. Your donation can be in memory or in honor of those you care about and their names will be listed in the Sunday worship bulletin. All contributions in any amount are welcome. [Please fill out the form attached](#) and (1) place in the Offering Plate on Sunday (2) deliver it to the church office or (3) mail to Catonsville Presbyterian Church. For more information contact Susan Hutton at dhutt@erols.com. Thank you for your contribution.

YOUTH CORNER

By Jennifer Hutton

Each month we would like to celebrate a class of our youth. This month we have the Juniors which includes Sean Gallagher, Rowan Shanley, Cole Peercy and Andrew Zink!

Rowan Shanley (top photograph) attends Long Reach High School. His interests and hobbies include playing on Long Reach's football (kicker) and lacrosse teams, playing guitar and video games, cooking, and spending time with friends.

Cole Peercy (bottom photograph) attends Catonsville High School. His interests and hobbies are playing soccer for CHS and a Soccer Association of Columbia (SAC) club team, hanging out with his friends and lifting weights at The Lab (a friend's gym). You may have seen him at Rollingwood pool if you ordered some snacks this summer. School interests tend toward science and math. Lastly he wants to give a quick shout out to the Enokian fellowship time snack efforts!

Drew Zink attends Mount Hebron High School. Drew is a First Class Scout in Troop 361 in Columbia and just completed a term as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for his troop of over 100 scouts. He attended a Scouts High Adventure Sailing Program in St. Thomas this past summer and is training for a backcountry backpacking trip in Cimarron, NM next summer. Drew also has a love of theater and guitar. He was recently cast as Jonathan Brewster in *Arsenic and Old Lace* at Mount Hebron. You might also have him deliver your meal as a food runner at the Brew Hive in Ellicott City.



YOUTH EVENTS

NOVEMBER 12 at 8 a.m.

All youth are invited to help with a Thanksgiving meal giveaway to those in need in our community. Grace AME Church, 67 1/2 Winters Lane, Catonsville, Saturday, November 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and help with assembling meal bags and placing them in cars. Come for as little or as much time as you can.

NOVEMBER 13 at 6 p.m.

The Youth group will meet on Sunday, November 13 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for Thankful Night games and conversation.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

By Dorothy Boulton

SECOND SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 13

- Childcare for infants through age five will be provided from 10 a.m. till noon in the Owls Room.
- Multiage church school for kindergarten through fifth grade meets in the Giraffe Room right after the children's message till the end of worship approx. 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Youth group for middle and high school meets at the church from 6–7:30 p.m. Get ready for some excellent Thanksgiving/Thankfulness activities, games, and conversation.

CPC COCOA AND CONVERSATION

We're starting a new ministry for middle and high youth! On Second Sunday mornings, beginning November 13, sixth through eighth graders and ninth through twelfth graders are invited to the youth rooms (upstairs from the Frederick Road doors) from 10:30— 11:30 a.m. Greeted in the middle school room by Debbie and Mark Davis and a rotating team of adults in the Crossroads room including Jenny Hutton, Charre Symms, David Hutton and Mark Dunham — for fellowship, discussion, prayer, sharing, and light refreshments, youth will dive into the intersection of faith and life in a welcoming space with welcoming people. Come and taste and see — this is going to be good.

CONGREGATION NOTES

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER 4: THE ADVENT GATHERING

The first Sunday in Advent is on November 27. We will begin our preparations to welcome the Christ Child in worship and through our programs. Please put on your calendars the date of Sunday, December 4 when we'll have an Advent Gathering right after worship during fellowship hour. There'll be crafts and service projects for all ages including candy cane reindeer for the residents of the Westside Shelter, and the assembling of the Seafarer Christmas gifts. No rsvps are needed. Come and join us as we welcome the season together.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES BOOKS AVAILABLE

Looking for some suggestions for ways to find the sacred in the everyday? We have several copies of *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home* by Traci Smith which we're happy to share. It's a "gold mine of resources, ideas, and practices that invite children, teens, parents, (and beyond) to actively form one another in authentic Christian faith." Please contact Dorothy Boulton at dboulton@catonsvillepres.org. With Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas around the corner, it's a great time to dive in!

SURVEY UPDATE

We appreciate you taking the time to complete the surveys which helped in assessing worship and education schedules and for inviting volunteers to our Christian Education ministries. We are still fine-tuning the results, but have noted that, at present, there is not a widespread request to make any immediate changes to our current worship time. We have discerned from the surveys that church school held concurrently with worship does meet the needs of the majority of respondents and we are working to honor that as we go forward into this program year. Thankfully, we have many new volunteers who have offered their time and gifts in service! We look forward to welcoming them into this lively and grace-filled ministry. Many thanks go to CE team member Laura Parkhurst for her generous sharing of survey-related skills. We will be keeping everyone updated as we continue to discern where the spirit of God is leading us in our worship and faith formation ministries in the year ahead.

SCOUT NEWS

By Glenda K. Johnson

Cub Scout Pack spent a weekend family camping trip to Fort Frederick, where they enjoyed a re-enactment at the Park and programs led by personnel. Cub Scout leaders are planning to work with Ron Gunderson on some outdoor badges needed for their Den programs. The Scout Troop's active monthly camping program has taken them to Gifford State Park (PA) where they participated in a park led history program. In late October, they camped at Rocky Gap State Park and participated in a special program of caving at Laurel Caverns.

MEMORIAL FUND FOR DENNIS GRAY

With sadness, the Troop was informed of the death of Dennis Gray, a 30 year volunteer in the Troop. He had served as Scoutmaster in the 1990's, was a leader of several High Adventure trips, was an active committee member, merit badge counselor, mentor and friend. Scouts participated in the recent Memorial Service. Thanks to the parents, Scouts, and former Scouts who attended this service. Gifts in his memory may be made to the Troop 306 Memorial Fund, which helps provide funding for various summer camp programs. Checks may be mailed or dropped off in the CPC office: BSA Scout Troop 306 Memorial Fund, to my attention.

FALL GROUNDS CLEAN UP ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 26 to help with the annual Fall Grounds Clean Up project from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Bring your rakes, blowers, tarps, gloves, and your "outdoor energy" to help prepare the Church grounds for the winter. Wear closed toe shoes/boots and weather appropriate clothes. Scout Troop 306 and Cub Pack 306 members will be on site, but additional adult help is also needed. Even if you can help out for part of the time, it would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES BEGIN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

The annual Christmas tree sale, sponsored by Scout Troop 306 begins at noon on Saturday, November 26 until 9 p.m. There will again be a variety of tree types and sizes for sale. Hours for the tree sales are on Saturdays (in December 9 a.m.-9 p.m.), Sundays (noon-8 p.m.), Mondays—Thursdays (5 p.m.-8 p.m.), Fridays (5 p.m.-9 p.m.). Help will be available to bag your tree and load it onto your vehicle, as needed. As a new feature, Cub Scout Pack 306 will sell a variety of prepackaged "homemade goodies" during the weekend tree sales. More details will be shared about this annual event later in the season. Thanks for your support of this major fund raiser for our Scout groups.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCH

A Chance to Sabbath on November 6

By Laurie White

All women and non-binary people of Catonsville Presbyterian Church are invited to a light lunch on Sunday, November 6 in the Library following worship. The lunch is sponsored by the three CPC circles of Presbyterian Women (PW). Come whether you are interested in joining PW or you just want to enjoy a meal and fellowship. If we have enough people interested in joining PW, a new circle will be established. This year's PW study is about Sabbath and we have learned the Sabbath is more about yes than no. We wish to provide a chance to say yes to Sabbath and PW after a long time apart. RSVPs are helpful. Please contact Laurie White at 410-747-0317 or thewhites@brickhouse112.com to RSVP or call with any questions about PW.

REMEMBERING A SCOUTMASTER

By Kenneth Kovacs

We were sorry to learn about the death of Dennis Gray in October. Dennis served as a former Scoutmaster of Troop 306, High Adventure outdoor leader, Merit Badge counselor, and active Troop Committee member. He was part of the Troop leadership and membership for more than 30 years. We continue to pray for his wife Carol and sons Jason and Brian, as well as his extended family and friends. Several weeks before his death he shared with letter with Ken Kovacs, Glenda Johnson, and members of the Troop leadership.

Hi, Folks

It is a sad day for me to have to author this letter. After over thirty years of association with Catonsville Presbyterian Church and the scouting program, I have to tender my resignation as of the last day of August 2022. My cancer condition has grown worse, and I am not in a position to meaningfully participate even on Zoom. To all the scouts, scouters, parents, adults, etc., I have crossed paths with over the last thirty years plus years, I say thank you for allowing me to work with your sons in such a great program. From the weekend backpacking trips, to the high adventures, to the mentoring scouts on the road to Eagle, it has been the hallmark of my life. So once again CPC thank you for over 100 years of support of scouts. Thank you, Troop 306, for such a great life experience. Thank you, CPC, for accepting me into your fold in the Scouting program. Godspeed to the Troop and always "Be prepared."

Dennis Gray

CHRISTMAS AT SEA FOR SEAFARERS

Continuing Lee's Legacy

By Brenda Logue

Once again the Mission Committee asks the congregation to participate in the Christmas Gift Bag Project for those seafarers arriving on ships in the Port of Baltimore. Lee Van Koten (who died early this year) was instrumental in forging our involvement with the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center. Lee wrote, "Christmas is always a lonely one" for seafarers, far from their home and loved ones. These bags are a small token of appreciation for "their efforts to keep the world economy functioning." We hope to carry on Lee's legacy with a goal of at least 60 gift bags.

There are several ways in which members can help: Either by (1) sponsoring a bag for \$10 or (2) DIY shopping for and filling a designated one-gallon bag with items recommended by the International Seafarers of Baltimore Center. A "Christmas at Sea" Mission table will be set up in the back of the sanctuary on Sundays in November for either collecting sponsorship donations or (for the DIY option) providing a one-gallon bag with information on how to prepare the bag.

Monetary donations can be made either online at CPC to "Seafarers" or at the Mission table in the sanctuary. Checks should be made to CPC and labeled "Christmas at Sea." Thirdly, members of the congregation are welcome to assist in the assembly of the "sponsored" gift bags at the Advent Gathering on December 4, right after church.

ADOPT A TURKEY

By Jen Hutton

The deacons and the mission committee will once again be having our “Adopt a Turkey” drive to assist Grace AME church in providing a Thanksgiving meal to those in need in our community. Grace AME hopes to provide a meal to over 200 families by having a curbside pickup on November 12. There are many ways to give to this wonderful ministry.

MONETARILY

Send a check to CPC or donate online by following this link <https://onrealm.org/CatonsvillePres/give/Thanksgiving>

FOOD DONATIONS

There is a bin in the back of the sanctuary and at the Tower entrance. We will be collecting through November 11. We will also be collecting every other Friday night in the small Frederick road parking lot from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Many thanks in advance for your donations!

If you would like to volunteer to help for the Thanksgiving giveaway, we will start at 8 a.m. at Grace AME on November 12. You can email jenhutton2010@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.



WESTSIDE SHELTER CLOTHING DRIVE

As in years past the sanctuary will be decorated for Advent The deacons are again collecting winter clothing for the Westside Men’s Shelter. They are in need of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, long underwear, and warm boots. Collection bins in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and on the church house porch are available for donations from November 6, 2022 through January 31, 2023. One of the deacons will deliver the donations each week to the shelter. There are three ways you can give (1) drop off items in the collection bins (2) make a gift online at <https://onrealm.org/CatonsvillePres/give/Shelter> or (3) send a check to Catonsville Presbyterian Church and designate it for the Westside Men’s Shelter Clothing. Thank you for your support.

HONORING DOT KIELMAN

There will be an afternoon tea in fellowship hall at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 6 in honor of Dot Kielman. Dot, a long-time member of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, died at the age of 101 earlier this year. Her family offers a warm welcome and invitation to the congregation as they sponsor this joyful gathering.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

By Charre Symms

Please join us for worship on November 13 when six dedicated individuals who have completed 50 hours of training will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers for Catonsville Presbyterian Church. Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one, confidential care for as long as is needed. They offer emotional and spiritual support for those going through life's challenges such as:

Loss of a loved one, hospitalization, divorce or separation,
Loneliness or discouragement, spiritual crisis,
Unemployment or job crisis, terminal illness,
Aging, birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility,
Chronic illness, providing care for a friend of family member, or
Many other life challenges

Please pray for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people in our congregation and community through Stephen Ministry. If you could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister or know someone who might, please contact Dorothy Boulton. She will help the potential care receiver decide if Stephen Ministry is appropriate for the situation and, if agreed upon, match them with a Stephen Minister. Reach out to one of our Stephen Leaders if you have questions or would like more information.

Stephen Leaders include Dorothy Boulton at dboulton@catonsvillepres.org, Reid Spearman at spareid@gmail.com and Charre Symms at csymms@sbcglobal.net

CONCERTS AT 3PM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Join us for a Sunday afternoon concert for the greater Catonsville community and surrounding areas. In November a talented string quintet of Baltimore Symphony Orchestra musicians presents a diverse program of chamber music selections. Included will be selections by Martinu, Dohnanyi, and Dvorak. All performances begin at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of Catonsville Presbyterian Church. Admission is free, no tickets required.



Announcements



We rejoice in the baptism of Efah Enow Ngoewane at Catonsville Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 23.



Welcome new member Jan Young and affiliate members Moffett and Ted Churn who joined Catonsville Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 16.

Micah Lynus Swain was born on October 6. Congratulations to parents Rachel Dittman and Quentin Swain, and to proud grandparents John and Donna Dittman.

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

■ Income as of Oct. 22, 2022	\$ 573,526
■ Expense as of Oct. 22, 2022	\$-599,634
■ Total:	\$ - 26,108

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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