

North Chevy
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Christian
Church



(Disciples of Christ)

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THE CHIMES

An Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community



AT NORTH CHEVY CHASE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO BE A READER OR
CANDLELIGHT DURING ADVENT, please go to [SIGNUP
GENIUS](#) to sign up.

The sacred mysteries of Christian traditions are intertwined in the Celtic lands — Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea.

As Christianity came to these isles after the fall of Rome, the proclamation of Jesus as the Son of God was gently woven with old Celtic legends. The ancient reverence for the divinity of Nature continued to infuse and inspire the artistic traditions – poetry, storytelling, and music – throughout the Renaissance and beyond. The traditional music of Scotland and Ireland – especially the Christmas carols – are a part of the fusion of art music and traditional (folk) music as a distinctive feature of Celtic culture.

Come and share in this distinctive flavor of Celtic prayer, poetry and music during Advent and Christmas!

During Advent we will have the opportunity to join with our church community in worship together and supporting the following organizations. We can make a difference when we work together!

- **Sunday, December 4th** – Worship at 11am, followed by Coffee Fellowship
 - **During Coffee Fellowship, our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Rosetta Robinson and her husband, Jon Battle** who were recently married here at NC4. There will be a basket for cards/gifts.



Let's join together and collect items needed at the Interfaith Works food hub in Rockville. **Please bring one or more of the following items to worship >>>Size 3 or 4 diapers; baby wipes; feminine hygiene products; low-sodium canned vegetables; canned fruit, (in juice); rice; beans; pasta; canned tomato products; tuna in water or canned chicken; peanut butter; crackers; granola bars.. If you are participating in the MCHC Holiday Giving, bring your gift cards to church.**

- **Sunday, December 11th** – Worship at 11am with the NC4 Ensemble singing, “Celtic Advent Carol, followed by Coffee Fellowship with a Christmas Sing-A-Long! Come sing all your favorite songs of the holiday.



Bring a toy to church, in support of Montgomery County’s Toys for Tots drive.

- **Sunday, December 18th** – Christmas Choir Service of Lessons and Carols



Make a **financial contribution to the Christmas offering**, which supports the Christian Church Capital Area regional ministry.



Our gifts support the work of regional ministries this Christmas. Your regional ministry works to

- Connect congregations to each other
- Foster faith development
- Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- Assist churches in calling new ministers
- Interpret the global mission of the Church
- Represent the Church in ecumenical gatherings
- Counsel and pray with those who are troubled of spirit
- Lead the Church to address racism
- Inspire leaders to experiment and create
- Witness to the power of God to make things new

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

6:15-6:45 pm – Cookies & hot Cider in the Glass-way & Caroling on the porch

7:00 pm – Service of Carols, Communion, & Candle lighting



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

ZOOM ONLY

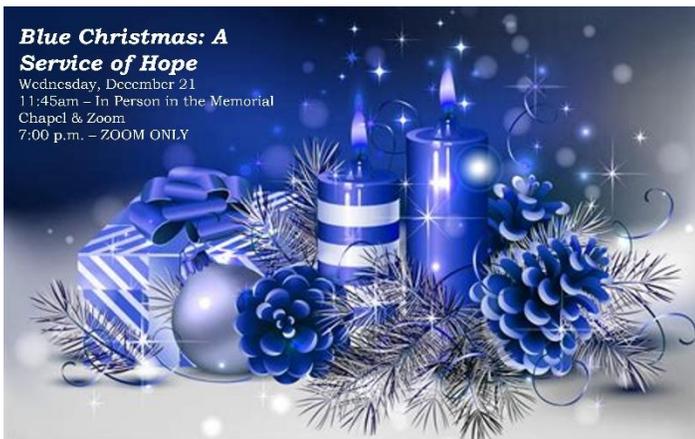
**11AM - Carols, Communion
& Christmas Blessing**



Service of Rermembrance hosted by Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

Dec .14, 2022 marks the tenth anniversary of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. We've prayed and worked for it never to happen again, but incidents like those in Uvalde TX and Buffalo NY and Colorado Springs CO and Chesapeake VA remind us that too little has changed in the intervening years. And these are just among the ones that made the news.

Join us for an interfaith prayer service to honor the thousands of lives lost to gun violence every year, and to re-commit to working for a better world. Wed Dec 14 at 7 PM at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, 10123 Connecticut Ave, Kensington MD 20895. Hosted by Kensington-North Chevy Chase interfaith clergy group. [In person and online. RSVP to receive the Zoom link.](#)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, TWO BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICES WILL BE OFFERED

11:45 am – In-Person in our Memorial Chapel & Zoom; 7:00 pm Zoom Only

This time of the year is not necessarily a "holly, jolly holiday" for those who have recently experienced loss and grief. The idea behind the Blue Christmas Service is to create space for the acknowledgment of the heaviness often carried during this season, as well as offering hope forward into the future.

Our society has become one of masking emotions that are sometimes considered negative. The Bible clearly acknowledges, celebrates, and makes space for pain, struggle, hardship, and tears – and so should we. Some of us some are mourning the death of a loved one. Some are far from home. Some suffer from illness, addiction, or estrangement. Some are lonely, struggling financially, or in conflict with another. Some hurt because of the great pain, need, and violence in our nation and world. The reasons for coming are many.

*We gather in the midst of suffering to remember God is good. God is strong. God is near.
We are not alone, and we have every reason to hold on to hope.*

We invite you to join us in this safe space to share together, A zoom link will be available by E-Minder the morning of Dec. 21.



CHURCH LEADERSHIP IN 2023

Below are those who have been elected to serve as the leadership of NC4 in the coming years. Also indicated are the responsibilities of those serving as Elder, Deacon, and Trustees of the Church. It is good to remind ourselves occasionally of what we entrust our leadership to do in service to the congregation and to God.

Officers (terms ending December 31, 2023)

Moderator	Patti Horrall
Vice-Moderator	Wilsonia Cherry
Clerk:	Laura O'Toole
Treasurer	Nancy Solomon
Asst-Treasurer	Anne-Marie Crawford
Financial Secretary	Richard Sherman
Asst-Financial Secretary	Mary Rice
Chair of the Elders	Anne-Marie Crawford
Chair of the Trustees	Ann McClure
Members at Large	Cheryl Parson Rachel Solomon

ELDERS are elected (1/2 each year) and authorized by the Congregation to exercise the ministerial functions such as sharing in the ministration of baptism and the Lord's Supper and the conduct of worship and sharing in the pastoral care and spiritual leadership of the congregation. The eldership is a voluntary ministry, each congregation having a plurality of elders.

Terms ending 2023

Yvonne McGee
Lydia Oladapo

Term ending 2024

Anne-Marie Crawford
Dot Harper
Jerry Rice
Laird Thomason
Richard Sherman
Joseph Oladapo

DIACONATE "Deacons" are no longer an elected position for the Church. **All Actively Participating Members are invited to volunteer as a Deacon.** The meaning of the original Greek word "diakonos" has been variously translated in the New Testament as "one who serves" or "gives support." Our Deacons are authorized for the ministration of baptism and the Lord's Supper (preparing the elements for the Table) in the conduct of worship, and in the pastoral care and spiritual leadership of the congregation. The diaconate is a voluntary ministry. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST IN THIS MINISTRY, PLEASE VISIT THE [SIGNUP GENIUS](#) to select a Sunday to serve.**

CHURCH TRUSTEES hold title to the property of the Congregation, and at the direction of the Congregation or Official Board, as appropriate, act as legal agents on behalf of the Congregation in the acquisition and disposal of real property, the incurring of debt, and other legal matters of a similar nature. They shall see that the property is adequately insured and the financial officers

properly bonded. They shall also perform duties as are required by law in regard to properties of the Church, acting as corporate officers when appropriate.

Term ending December 2023
Andrea Sherman
Laird Thomason

Term ending December 2024
Ann McClure
Dwight Brock

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES are responsible for...

- Organizing, promoting, and encouraging a type of Legacy Society that honors those who have included a gift to the church in their individual legacy/end-of-life plans.
- Sponsoring inheritance planning seminars and other informational meetings dealing with legacy giving.
- Publicizing the fund, including preparing a written report at least annually to the congregation about new gifts received, amount spent for ministry and investment transactions;
- Maintaining permanent files that preserve

the original gift/bequest language for all separately recorded (restricted) gifts and any major investment additions to the congregationally governed endowment fund.

- Investing endowment assets with an appropriate investment manager and reviewing endowment activity at least quarterly.
- Determining the appropriate distribution for ministry in accordance with donor restrictions, state law or congregational policy.

PEF TRUSTEES (3-yr terms)

Term ending December 2023
Anne-Marie Crawford
Bob Solomon

Term Ending December 2024
Sally Coberly

Term ending December 2025
Cheryl Parsons
Bob Perry

REMINDER FOR LEADERSHIP CALENDARS:

January Zoom Board meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7pm
JANUARY LEADERSHIP PIng. & Spiritual Nurture Retreat: Fri, Jan. 20-Sat., Jan. 21
Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center, Marriottsville, MD



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2022

- The report from the Nominating Committee for 2023 Leadership was approved
- The Proposed Budget for 2023 was approved and can be found on our website - [BUDGET](#)
- The Congregation approved the hiring of Mr. Duane Rollins as Project Manager whose responsibility it will be to identify, address and follow-up on various building/maintenance projects.



Dec. 5	Lily Rager	Dec. 17	Mary Rice
Dec. 7	Allanah George	Dec. 21	Dorothy Drennen
	Lydia Oladapo	Dec. 22	Dotlyn Watson
Dec. 8	Arrey Takang	Dec. 26	Anna Padbury
Dec. 10	Emmanuel Oladapo	Dec. 27	Chrissy Haines
Dec. 12	Dot Harper		



The Board of the Governors of the Disciples Center for Public Witness recognized **Rev. Sharon Stanley Rae with "The Excellence in Advocacy Award"** : remarks/statement by Co-Chair Rev. Dr. Marcus Leathers and **Rev. Dr. Laird Thomason was honored with the "Outstanding Public Witness Award"** : remarks/ statement by Co-Chair, Rev. Dr. Bob Perry.



YEAR END GIVING AS A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH

With all the promotions you've received about November's "Giving Tuesday", we hope you were able to reach out to your favorite charity to lend a hand to the community. It is important that we support our local agencies and charities.

However, we are hoping that you will consider ANOTHER "Giving" opportunity in this Christmas Season - and that is to consider giving a **year-end Christmas Gift** to North Chevy Chase Christian Church. As most of you are aware the last two years have been especially hard on us in regard to the unplanned facility expenses we've incurred. While our building is a major part of our ministry to our surrounding community through its use by the various groups who call NC4 "home", our mission and ministry is expressed through many avenues and your giving at year-end WILL make a difference as we move into the new year. Won't you "gift" your Church at this year's end? And if you have not yet submitted your "Estimate of Giving" for 2023, it isn't too late to do that.

Your NC4 Finance Team



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY...



FROM

Your Pastor. Rev. Dr. Cheryl L. Tatham

Your Music Staff: Christine Schadeberg and Glenn Pearson

Your Building Staff: Eric Pernell and Duane Rollins and the MANY wonderful volunteers (including YOU) who serve God and the church throughout the year.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

CHURCH CALENDAR -- If you need to schedule a meeting or are meeting vendors/workers here at the church PLEASE double check the church calendar posted on the Glass-way bulletin board or online at <http://www.nc4disciples.org/calendar> OR EMAIL the church office (northchevychase58@gmail.com) and ask about available dates.

MONTHLY CHIMES - We would LOVE to have your articles, updates, and information to put in the monthly CHIMES newsletter. Please be aware of the deadline -- the 15TH OF THE MONTH. information should be sent to northchevychase58@gmail.com.

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Ideas for Living Joyfully: Celtic Advent and The Twelve Days of Christmas

<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>Welcome a new person at church Liturgical Advent Begins</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>Take a break from your smartphone and all screens this evening.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>Write a gratitude note to a family member. Hide it in their pocket.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>Text a word of encouragement to 5 loved ones. The Magi move closer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 1</p> <p>Sing some favorite songs, with others if you can.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Have tea or a meal with a friend you haven't seen in awhile.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Write notes to singles and elders, encouraging them, so they know they are not alone.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Kneel down when you greet & talk to a child. Mary & Joseph move closer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Enjoy a grilled cheese sandwich & tomato soup or other comfort dish.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Invite a single person to join you for a meal in person or via Zoom.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>Look out the window for 5 minutes & notice life.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Color a picture for a child in your life.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Send a loved one on a treasure hunt today. Plant clues & giggle a lot.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Get out some colored pencils and color a mandala. Pray for someone as you do.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Gaudete Sunday Read Mary's Song: Luke 1:46-55 Light a pink candle for JOY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>Wave at people you see. Don't let distance impede acknowledgement.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Notice the eye-color of people close to you. Mary & Joseph move closer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>Read a story out loud to your friend, child, parent, spouse, or furry companion.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>Turn off recorded music and sing some favorite songs. The Magi move closer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Mail a note to someone. Describe how they are gift to the world & you!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>The "O" Antiphons Wisdom (Isa 11:2-3) Who is a voice of wisdom in your life? Thank them.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Lord (Isa 33:22) Ask God how he wants to be the Lord of your life. Listen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>Root of Jesse (Isa 11:10) Write memories of God's faithfulness on paper ornaments & hang them on the tree.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Key of David (Rev. 3:7) What door of your life do you need God to open & bring grace?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>Morning Star (Isa 9:2) At dawn, pray for God's light to shine in a place or situation breaking your heart.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>King of Nations (Isa 9:6) Listen to "For Unto us a Child is Born." What does Christ's birth mean?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Emmanuel (Isa 7:14) How is God with you? How are you God's presence to others?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Where have you experienced God's Joy this Advent? Mary & Joseph enter the stable.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>The Birth of Jesus Christ (John 1:1-5) Adopt someone who needs a family or let yourself be adopted. Feast!!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>St. Stephen's Day The First Martyr</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Genesis 1:3 The Twelve Days of Christmas Begins!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>Feast of the Holy Innocents</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matt. 19:14 Pray for children around the world</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>Isaiah 58:10 Bring flowers to someone who needs their day brightened.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>Isa 60:19 Notice the really small things in life. The Magi move closer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>Ps 43:3 Write a list of who and what you are thankful for from 2022.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>Matt 5:14-16 Take a moment to be kind to yourself: plan a day of rest and do something you enjoy.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 1, 2023 John 8:12 What are your hopes for 2023? Pray for God's wisdom.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>1 Peter 2:9 Write a thank you note and mail it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Romans 8 Buy the next person in line coffee.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Ps 139:11-12 Choose 3 healthful habits to practice for this New Year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Ps 19:8 Take a night walk and enjoy the lights. Move the Magi to the stable</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">January 6 – Epiphany - Luke 4:1-21 Bless your house by chalking on the door "20+C+M+B+23". This is the new year and <i>Christus Mansionem Benedicat</i>, Christ Bless this House! CMB also stands for the three wise kings: Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar.</p>	

How we spend our days is how we spend our lives. Annie Dillard

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DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
RECURRING EVENTS LEGEND: CR=Community Room; HH=Harlow Hall; SANCT=Sanctuary; WL=Weir Lounge; MC=Memorial Chapel CHURCH EVENTS IN BOLD						
				1 3P: Crane loading (parking lot) 5P: Jazz Academy (HH/Classroom upstairs) 6:30P: 12Step AA Players (CR)	2 Office Closed	3 9:30A – SHN (CR) 1:30P: Bishop Baraga Soc. (HH)
4 10:30A: Ens. Reh. 11A – Hybrid Worship (Sanc.) & Coffee Fellowship 12P- Rwandan Prayer (Chapel) 1P - Rwandan Worship (Sanc) 2P: GS Troop 34012 (HH)	5 Office Closed (Rev. Tatham's day off) 8:15P: AA (HH)	6 10A: - Zoom Prayer Group 6:30P-12-Step AA Players (CR) 7:30P - AA (HH)	7 6P - Gerrymanders (HH) 7:30P – Gateway AA	8 5P: Jazz Academy (HH/Classroom upstairs) 6:30P: 12Step AA Players (CR)	9 Office Closed 3:15P: GS Troop 6458 (CR)	10 9:30A – SHN (CR) 10:30A: Nat 'l Orchid Soc. (HH)
11 10:15A: Ens. Reh. 11A – Hybrid Worship (Sanc.) & Coffee Fellowship w/Christmas Sing-along 12P- Rwandan Prayer (Chapel) 1P - Rwandan Worship (Chapel) 3:30P: Wash. Conser. Orch. Concert (Sanc/HH)	12 Office Closed (Rev. Tatham's day off) 6P: Nat'l Orchid Soc. (CR) 8:15P: AA (HH)	13 10A: - Zoom Prayer Group 6:30P-12-Step AA Players (Upstairs Classroom) 7:30P - AA (HH)	14 8:30A: Needlechasers (HH) 6P - Gerrymanders (HH) 7P: <i>"Between Memory & Hope" service hosted by & at Warner Memorial/Zoom</i> 7:30P – Gateway AA	15 5P: Jazz Academy (HH/Classroom upstairs) 6:30P: 12Step AA Players (CR)	16 Office Closed 3:15P: GS Troop 6458 6:30P: HSC reh. (Sanc./HH)	17 9:30A – SHN (Off-site)
18 11A –Hybrid Worship (Sanc.) & Coffee Fellowship 12P- Rwandan Prayer (Chapel) 1P - Rwandan Worship (Sanc) 4P: SHN Hanukkah Eve (CR)	19 Hanukkah (Day 1) Office Closed (Rev. Tatham's day off) 8:15P: AA (HH)	20 Hanukkah (Day 2) 10A: - Zoom Prayer Group 6:30P-12-Step AA Players (Upstairs Classroom) 7P: Village of NCC (CR) 7:30P - AA (HH)	21 Hanukkah (Day 3) 6P - Gerrymanders (HH) 7P: Zoom "Blue Christmas" service 7:30P – Gateway AA	22 Hanukkah (Day 4) 6:30P: 12Step AA Players (CR)	23 Hanukkah (Day 5) Office Closed	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Hanukkah (Day 6)  6:15P: Cookies & Cider/ Carol Singing 7:00P: Christmas Eve Candlelight / Communion Service
25 CHRISTMAS DAY Hanukkah (Day 7) 11A – Hybrid Worship: Carols, Communion & Christmas Blessing (Sanc/Zoom) 12P- Rwandan Prayer (Chapel) 1P - Rwandan Worship (Sanc) 5P: SHN – Hanukkah Party (CR)	26 NC4 OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM MON. DEC. 26- MON. JAN. 1, 2023 8:15P-AA (HH)	27 7:30P - AA (HH)	28 6P - Gerrymanders (HH) 7:30P – Gateway AA	29	30	31 New Year's Eve  SHN - NO SERVICE