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THE CHIMES

An Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community



REV. TATHAM - SABBATICAL

Dear Church Family, I have returned from my Sabbatical with a multitude of mixed emotions! Happy to have shared time with my family at my nephew Matthew’s wedding; frustrated at having caught Covid at the wedding reception (!); grateful that I had a VERY mild case with only minor symptoms; frustrated that because of Covid, I had to re-schedule the sinus surgery that had been on the books for months; grateful that, because I had to reschedule the surgery, I had the opportunity to have some relaxing, uneventful days of doing whatever I wanted to do and getting in a “near-cation” to Luray caverns and Skyline Drive.

I offer my profound thanks to ALL those who pitched in and carried out responsibilities in my absence, and a special thank you to Rev. Dr. Michael McMahan, Rev. Dr. Bob Perry, and Rev. Dr. Laird Thomason for bringing God’s Word on the Sundays I was away.

Thank you again for offering me this much needed – AND much appreciated – time away.
Pastor Cheryl

NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

1. "Masks Optional" status still in place
2. We will continue using our Hymnals.
3. We will return to the separate communion cups and wafers for Communion. If you would prefer to use the “all-in-one” cup, there will be some available at the Table.

Sunday, November 6, ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

- Remembering the “Saints” that we have lost since last November., 2021
- Choir will be bringing special music

Sunday, November 13

- Our Jazz Group will be with us in worship
- Annual Congregational Meeting following worship: Agenda includes new leadership for 2023 and the 2023 proposed operational budget (A packet of documents has been sent via E-Minder and will be available at Worship)



THANKSGIVING OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN SUNDAY, NOV. 13 & 20.

The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 15 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church. [See a list of the colleges, universities, seminaries, foundations and divinity houses.](#)

Sunday, November 20 - **Thanksgiving & Commitment Dedication Sunday**

- During worship we will dedicate our Commitments of time, talent, and money in thanksgiving for God's abundance.
- After Worship, we'll enjoy a Thanksgiving Coffee Fellowship



- **Hands-On Project:** This Thanksgiving season NCCCC will collect warm socks, hats and gloves for our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. Please bring your donation to church on **Sunday, November 20th**, when we celebrate and give thanks for all God has given to us.



OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY IN 2023

This year's theme, "Go & Do the Same" has had us looking at the great stories of faith, with challenges to "go & do the same."



Your commitment to our stewardship campaign allows our church to plan exciting, fun, and meaningful ministries for the coming year. It means a beautiful and welcoming building in which community groups meet for fun, fellowship, worship. It means pastoral care, music, and a wonderful staff that

serve not only the wonderful people in our church but our community beyond. It means fellowship, joy, and growth. Your gift matters.

We know that the current state of the economy has taken its toll on everyone, and perhaps this isn't the year that you will be able to "step up" a level in your financial giving. That's okay... we understand.

We WOULD like to encourage you to recognize that there are many other ways to help NC4 in its ministry. On page 5 of this newsletter you will find some ways that you can offer your time and/or talents. On Sunday, Nov. 20, we will dedicate ALL of what we bring to God and to the mission of the Church. Along with your "Estimate of Giving" card you will have the opportunity to place in the Thanksgiving Cornucopia a different kind of offering -- a gift of time, a gift of your skills and talents, a gift of your prayers for the church and its staff. We bring all of who we are in thanksgiving!

If you have not received an "Estimate of Giving" in the mail, you can call/email the Church and request be mailed to you -- or you can go to our website and complete the ["Estimate of Giving"](#) on-line.

Thank you for your faithfulness and steadfastness in continuing to support God's mission and ministry through North Chevy Chase Christian Church.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - DECORATING THE SANCTUARY

- 10AM, Time to "haul out the holly" for decorating the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
1st Sunday of Advent

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!

If you are willing to Volunteer for: Worship Leader, Communion Preparation, Sunday Duties, or Coffee Fellowship Host, please go to our [SignUp Genius](#) page to select the date(s) you can serve.

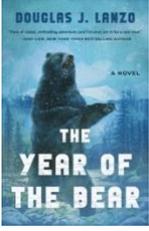
ELDERS: Please select your dates via [SignUpGenius](#) as well.



Nov. 2	Jade Jefferson Levi Longo	Nov. 11	Donna Ruginski
Nov. 8	Rev. Dr. Bob Perry Adam Longo Paul Longo	Nov. 21	Jean Akers
Nov. 9	Evelyn Thomason Jewel Barlow	Nov. 23	Jackson Padbury
		Nov. 30	Mia Harvey



Congratulations



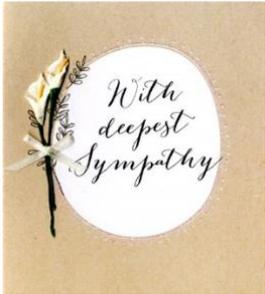
to Doug Lanzo, whose debut novel, "[The Year of the Bear](#)" has been awarded the Firebird Book Award, garnering second place in its Coming of Age category. The book is available on Amazon.



and to the Rev. Dr. Rosetta Robinson as she weds Mr. Jon Battle in our Sanctuary on Saturday, November 12. We will be celebrating with the couple during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, December 4.

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With Deepest Sympathy



to **Bethany Kaye, Gabriella and Tanner**, and extended Perry and Kaye families in the death of Michael Kaye, on September 22. There will be a celebration of Michael's life on November 7.

And we received word that former member, **Dolly Youssef**, died on August 20 in Illinois. Dolly was a very active and well-loved member of NC4 for many years, serving as Elder, Sunday School teacher, and faithful Prayer Group member, We extend our sympathy to Dolly's daughter, Victoria "Vee" and son, Tad.

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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, update, 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.



Gifts You Can Give

Arts

- Sing in a group
- Play an instrument
- Work with sound or lighting
- Work with multi-media

- Acting
- Maintaining/putting up & taking down banners
- Woodworking
- Photography
- Maintain bulletin boards
- Arrange seasonal decorations (Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter)
- Designing/graphic arts
- Using sign language

Administrative

- Volunteer in the Church Office
- Help with Office mailings
- Internet & IT equipment maintenance

Reaching Out to Others

- Prepare or supply meals
- Write letters or notes
- Volunteer for service projects

Serve in Worship

- Worship Leader
- Greeting/Ushering
- Help to set up/clean Communion
- Sunday Duties (opening and closing the church on Sundays)

Property Care

- Gardening or landscaping
- Painting
- General repairs
- Room set up
- Electrical
- Plumbing

I'm Interested in:

- Book Club in person / virtual
- Women's Group in person / virtual
- Men's Group in person / virtual
- Bible Study in person / virtual
- Small Group in person / virtual
- Spirituality Studies in person / virtual
- Church-wide event planning in person / virtual

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Thank you very much!

You're invited to complete this and bring it with you on Thanksgiving / Dedication Sunday, Nov. 20