



THE CHIMES

An Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community



From the NC4 staff: Pastor Cheryl, Christine, Glenn, and Eric, we thank you for the generosity of your gifts, and the faithfulness of your support in 2022, and wish you a Blessed New Year!

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Welcoming a NEW Year!

The year 2022 is now fading, but the change of life it has brought to all of us still lingers. Advent and Christmas have again reminded us that there IS light in the darkness that provides us a guide to finding God's place and mission for us in this bright

new year ahead!

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MASKS IN-PERSON

Most of us live with the hope and a belief that our lives represent the kin-dom of God. We want the evidence to point to a faith that is true and shows that our God is at work in the world. In other words, **we** are now the epiphany, the light shining forth for the world to see. And of course, we will fail from time to time. But how we deal with failure is also a sign of that presence and glimpse of the kin-dom. Following on the heels of the celebration of the Epiphany, we arrive at what is called "ordinary time" and it can be extra-ordinary in the living of it. Let us embrace the call with grace and with joy.



Sunday, January 1, 2023 - "What Comes After?" We explore Epiphany and how the "revealing" can continue to past all of the highs and lows of the events of Advent and Christmas- and what does it have to do with all those New Year resolutions?



Sunday, January 8, "Water and Word" Living in the kin-dom of God lived out in concrete ways within the body of Christ. So, this week is the promise to be that example, to claim that grace and gift, and to embrace the responsibility of being the church in the world right now. The kin-dom is not a someday thing; it is a today thing and we are committing ourselves to that vision right here and right now



January 15, "Be Called, Be Named, and Be Restored" In behavioral therapy there is a phrase often used: "Name it, claim it, tame it" which It refers to being able to identify or name our challenges, emotions, weaknesses or faults; claim them or accept them as our own; and taming them by learning to live with them, overcome them or transform them. But here Isaiah tells us that God calls and names unlikely servants and, perhaps more importantly, those servants often do not recognize themselves as agents of restoration.



January 22, "Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly"

Prof. & theologian John Collins calls this text "biblical ethics in a nutshell."

Do justice—not a state, but an action.

Love kindness—without loving kindness, justice is incomplete.

Walk humbly—or **reverently** with God (includes a mindfulness of God's attentions and works and of the affirmation that one bears responsibility for one's actions in life.



January 29, "Blessed" What if, instead of the Ten Commandments, we placed the Beatitudes in Court houses? Of course, that wouldn't be right -- because it's a place of law, and the Beatitudes are all about grace.

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## 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  
Chair of the Trustees  
Members at Large  
Solomon

Anne-Marie Crawford  
Ann McClure  
Cheryl Parson, Rachel

**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

**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

The Permanent Endowment Trustees are generally 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.



### **ZOOM JANUARY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.

Link will be sent to you on that Tuesday morning.

### **CHURCH LEADERSHIP PLANNING & SPIRITUAL NURTURE RETREAT**

**Friday, Jan. 20-Saturday, Jan. 21**

**Bon Secours Retreat Center  
Marriottsville, MD**



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CELEBRATIONS AND NEWS....

- 1/1 Teresa Arredondo
- 1/10 Richard Sherman
- 1/14 Yvonne McGee
- 1/16 Anne-Marie Crawford
- 1/18 Dorothy Brown, Betty McArthur
- 1/20 David Brock, Stephen Rice
- 1/21 Caroline Eyabi



We want to offer a warm welcome to **Duane Rollins** as our new contract Project Manager. Duane actually joined us in mid-December and has already been hard at work over-seeing continued work on our HVAC and other on-going projects at the church. Duane has

extensive building maintenance/management experience and is a long-time resident of the area. You can view Duane's [résumé](#) here.



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**We Give Thanks for YOU** ...for generously providing our neighbors with warm socks, food and toys during the holiday season. Another gift from NC4 was given to help a Ukrainian family at our partner school, Sligo Creek Elementary School. Devi Rambarran serves as our liaison with the school.

Other distributions that were made at year-end:

1. From the Bethesda Trust Fund money was distributed to Bethesda Help and to Hughes United Memorial Methodist (food pantry & diaper bank).
2. From the Hyatt Trust a distribution was made to Bethesda Cares and Progress Place (formerly Shepherds Table). (The founder of this trust, Steve Hyatt, volunteered for both of these agencies).
3. From the PEF Outreach distribution, which the Outreach Team facilitates, contributions were made to the United Campus Ministry (at UMD); to the CCCA Region for its "More Than Enough" campaign, in support of hiring a new regional minister; to the Feed the Fridge project; and to A Wider Circle.

Outreach Team: Nancy Solomon, Devi Rambarran, Nancy Longo, Chris & Bill Wydro, Sally Coberly, Lydia Oladapo, Anne-Marie Crawford, Laird Thomason, Rosetta Robinson; ex-officio, Rev. Tatham and Patti Horrall

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

It's not too early!! Let's get a great group going from NC4!



[REGISTER NOW](#)

MEET THE WORSHIP  
**PREACHERS**   
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023  
*in Louisville, Kentucky*  
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1

Four nights, four dynamic preachers. Each night of the 2023 General Assembly will bring dynamic preaching and uplifting music centered around the three scriptures that shaped the 2023 General Assembly theme Kin-dom of God, Within Us, Among Us: Genesis 11:1-9, Luke 17:20-21, 2 Peter 1:3. Explore the speakers, utilize the Bible study sessions and watch each of the preacher's Imagine with Me conversations.

Early bird rates only last through **March 1**, so [register now](#) to be a part of this worshipful week.



### [Artist in Residence Application](#)

The 2023 General Assembly is excited to announce a call for Resident Artists as part of the assembly experience. Read more about the opportunity and apply.

### [Downtown Civil Rights Trail](#)



History buffs and justice seekers will enjoy the Louisville Downtown Civil Right Trail and Markers project. Brush up on your history ahead of time by exploring the project now.

### [SCHEDULE](#)

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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 and ask about available dates.

**CHIMES**—We would LOVE to have your articles, updates and information to put in the monthly CHIMES newsletter! Please be aware of the deadlines — THE 15TH OF THE MONTH. Information should be sent to [northchevchase58@gmail.com](mailto:northchevchase58@gmail.com)

Regular Church Office Hours  
Tuesday through Thursday, 9am-3pm  
and available in case of pastoral emergencies by calling 301-335-7344.

FOR UPDATES TO THE CHURCH CALENDAR email the office at  
[northchevchase58@gmail.com](mailto:northchevchase58@gmail.com).

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## **OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT**



North Chevy Chase Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), committed to connecting our faith to community, and believing that "Love does no wrong to neighbor" (Romans 10), declare ourselves a spiritual sanctuary from the fear, rejection, hate and violence of a world that judges and condemns people for being who God has created them to be.

We proclaim God's inclusive welcome to the Communion Table and welcome into full membership, participation, and leadership persons of every color and ethnicity, language, culture, nationality, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, physical and mental ability, economic status, familial status, and spiritual background. We also recognize that people find God in many ways, and we seek to support and affirm them in their spiritual journeys. We ask only that each person be accorded the honor, respect, and dignity due a beloved child of God.

Following the example of God's beloved son, Jesus,  
hereby declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming church.

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