Standing by the Side of the Road.

1 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. 2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. Psalm 116:1

How many times in life have you sensed or felt that somehow, some way, the Lord has “turned his ear to you”? How many times have you felt that the Lord has heard you? How many times have you felt overwhelmed, discouraged, at a loss, hurt, filled with pain and, one way or the other, feeling that the Lord has heard your prayers and knows your pain?

I can’t answer those questions for you, but I sure can answer them for myself. The answer, for me, is “too many to count”. There have been so many times when I was at a loss and didn’t know what to do, or hurting and the pain not going away, or discouraged and thinking all was in vain. Then, somehow, some way, something came over me and I felt certain the Lord knew my situation, understood my circumstances and guided me through it all. What a great feeling!

I remember standing by the side of a road one time, lonely, hurting, dejected, without hope; cars and trucks whizzing by me at seventy miles an hour and there in the shadows of the overpass under which I stood, somehow, I felt God’s presence with me. In that moment, I felt the strength to go on. It’s not that everything ever turns out the way I want it to. It’s not that the pain magically goes away or that the burdens are lifted from my shoulders. It’s more like, with the Lord’s help, my shoulders became stronger to bear the burdens I’m feeling.

The Psalmist captures the beauty and the poetry of leaning on God. Turning to God and feeling God’s presence and help when he wrote, “Because He turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live”. It is a wonderful thing to know that the Lord hears your cries for mercy. It is an uplifting thing to experience a sense of His presence in your life, especially in your greatest moments of need and vulnerability. It can never happen as long as we think we are invincible. It can never happen as long as we live with the illusion that we are strong enough, big enough, tough enough, smart enough or anything else enough to go it alone in life, all on our own. Maybe that’s why age enables us to come so much closer to God. As we age and realize our failures, our weaknesses, our vulnerabilities and our limits we come closer to leaning on each other and especially on the Lord.

These last weeks have been trying on all of us. There is much to discuss and debate about the Covid-19 pandemic but one thing is certain…as long as we lean on the Lord, as long as we call on him for our strength and be wise in the process of being safe and thoughtful we’ll all come through it together. I hope you, like the Psalmist, can say “The Lord has heard my voice, he has heard my cries for mercy, and because he has turned his ear to me, I will call on him, as long as I live"
NEWS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know if you know of someone who is sick or is a shut-in. Thank you.

Becky Brooks
Marguerite Wise
Virginia Sullivan
Michael Lastre
June Jordan
Rich MacDowell
Pat Kruhm
Marge Skucas
Dolores Wachtman
Nell Rys

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 Erica Hanson
4 Bette Cox
11 Franklin Payne
15 Pat Laine
16 Rich Konzmann
17 Sydney Konzmann
20 David Small
Margie & Bob Flaherty
25 Monica Hanson
26 Beth Appleyard
Kathy Long
28 Kay & Kevin McGuire
29 Dominique Jordan
31 Elena Lynn

~Mother’s Day ~
May 10th
Join Us as We Celebrate
All Our Mothers!
Highlights from the April Board Meeting…

The Board postponed its meeting in April, due to the Covid 19 restrictions and covered business, received reports and exchanged critical information through an electronic meeting. Dr. Chance updated the Board on bringing Worship Services online and readjusting how we are doing our mission and ministry in these trying times. Financial Reports were shared from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer.

NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRIES

FELLOWSHIP…Amy Buckingham/Mary Chance
While in-person fellowship can’t be had at this point due to the social distancing measures in place, we can continue to check-in and encourage each other via email, phone, social media and even video calling. We are looking forward to the time when we can all be together again in person. At this point CCCA summer camps and conferences are scheduled to go on as planned, but they will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Dr. Chance & Mary are planning to direct Family Camp 1 at Bethany Beach during the Week of July 4th. We hope some of you are interested and will sign up to go!

PROPERTY…Jeff Price
Greetings from the Property Ministry. All is quiet on the Church repair front...the usual light bulbs and outdoor grounds cleaning are being taken care of as needed. Thank the Lord :) The building continues to be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis for obvious safety reasons. We have also done some maintenance and general clean-up in the Christ Center to get it ready to be moved-into.

OUTREACH…Connie Spoon
During these uncertain times, please remember that the Lord is with us. The Outreach Ministry of Aspen Hill Christian Church is an important ministry with which we provide a wide variety of community support throughout the year including fully stocked Back-to-School backpacks, Thanksgiving baskets, and Christmas toys for local children. We also keep a Food Pantry of non-perishable items onsite. This month we used some of these items to send care packages to a nurse who volunteered to work in the field hospitals in New York City and is experiencing food shortages.
If you are in need of assistance or would like to donate to the food pantry, please contact the church office and we'll do everything we can to coordinate with you.

We also received a letter of thanks from the Manna Food Center for the monetary and food donations from the church. Last year alone, they were able to provide over 38,000 food packages to over 25,462 neighbors in our community, as well as 105,000 weekend snack bags to 2,910 elementary school students. This is only possible through the generous support from individuals like you!

### WORSHIP…Carol Knott

Our way of living has changed but we are blessed to still be able to enjoy our Sunday morning worship program. We thank our minister, Dr. Chance, our music director, Jon Gilbertson and our new secretary, Jesse Young for adapting to a new way of creating our services. While social distancing is implemented, we will continue to offer Sunday services online. Our Maundy Thursday and Easter services were done beautifully and if you missed them, you can still watch/listen. Go to the church website: [www.AspenHillCC.org](http://www.AspenHillCC.org) and select the “Videos” tab in the top right of the screen.

Let us continue to worship in our own ways and pray that we all may stay healthy and strong spiritually during this trying time until we meet again in church!

### STEWARDSHIP…John Small

Dear Members of the Aspen Hill Christian Church Community,

During these very trying times, it is important for all of us to remember that our church needs every one of us to make sure we are faithful in our giving. With our services being offered online for the time being, we all need to make sure we send our offerings into the church office. Unfortunately, the church bills are not being put on hold. As the current situation unfolds, our church community will continue to be a critical source of comfort through the love of Jesus Christ.

We have been able to complete the set-up of the online giving option through our website. This is a great resource for our church family, enabling you to continue faithful giving from the comfort and safety of your own home. If you are interested in using this tool or even just exploring it as an option just go to the church website: [www.AspenHillCC.org](http://www.AspenHillCC.org), select the blue DONATE NOW button, and follow the simple step-by-step prompts. We are striving to adjust to this new normal and provide our church family with every resource available to us.

Please keep everyone in the church and in our community in your prayers.
Because so many of our members and friends have sent their offerings and gifts in through the mail, through the mail slot beside the front door of the church and with our new “online” giving option we have been able to continue our ministry and mission as faithfully as ever.

We are so grateful for you, near and far, members and friends for continuing to love and support your church through these trying times.

Please continue to give, don’t let us drop off and may we continue to be as faithful as we have you have been.

- Send your checks in (weekly or monthly) to:
  
  **AHCC 13501 Georgia Avenue, Aspen Hill, MD 20906**

- Placing them in the mail slot in the wall to the right of the front door of the building.

- Taking advantage of our new online options for giving. Go to: 
  
  [www.aspenhillcc.org](http://www.aspenhillcc.org), click on the “Donate Now” link and make your gift…easier than ever and plenty safe!
Worship is now online…

www.aspenhillcc.org, then click on the green “Videos” Tab.

Be sure to click the thumbs-up icon, and make any nice comments you want to. Comments help drive our visibility to others up.

We will be welcoming a young man, named Jordan White, to stay with us in the Christ Center during his six-week internship on Capitol Hill in May and June.

“Dear Dr. Chance, Staff and AHCC,
Enclosed is a check in loving memory of my cousin, Carole McAfee, a Pittsburgh native. Her obituary asked any contributions be sent to “your local church”. Carole was the niece of church member Alvin R. Abraham.
We thank you for all the church does to help others.
Sincerely, Jill & Michael D’Andrea”
NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS
AND DEADLINES

Online Camp Registration and Electronic Payment is now available using the new site:
app.camptoc.com/register/ccca

Applying for camp using Camptoc.com permits you to complete a secure Camper Registration and Medical Form, pay by Credit or Debit Card, and even spread out your payments.

Before starting a Camptoc.com application for a CCCA Camp or Conference, ask your congregation if they provide a Camper Scholarship. If so, obtain a Scholarship Code to reduce your Camp Fee. See www.cccadisciples.org/camp for a list of churches offering Local Congregation Camper Scholarships. Contact the listed PoC.

Paper application forms were also mailed to each church for distribution and PDF versions can still be downloaded at our website.

Please check the camp dates to ensure your camper will be able to attend for the whole time. For more information, contact the Regional Office toll free at 877-942-8266 x201 or e-mail us at: campregistrar@cccadisciples.org.

Registration and Payment Deadlines

- An Early Bird Rate is available for most camps when camp applications are submitted with the minimum payment by the specified deadlines. See Schedule on www.cccadisciples.org/camp for submission deadlines to qualify.

- Medical Forms due prior to camp start date.

All camper registration fees are due in full at least 14 business days prior the event.

Unless specifically noted, our Fees cover all program costs: lodging, meals, snacks, program materials, event insurance, and, if included in the program, admission to off-site parks.

ABOUT OUR CAMP STAFF

Each of our church camps is planned, organized, and executed by a trained volunteer staff. These volunteers pay careful attention to the needs and

The Christian Church (DoC) Capital Area is a regional manifestation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) serving over 40 churches in Maryland, Northern VA, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia. Our Region offers resources and services to help our churches live out their witness and ministry in the surrounding communities.

We strongly believe that individual and family participation in Church Camps is an integral part of everyone’s spiritual growth and development at all ages. Come play, pray, sing, and learn with us about God’s love for all in this hectic world.

2020

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CAPITAL AREA REGION

CAMP & CONFERENCE
PROGRAM CAMP BROCHURE & FEE SCHEDULE

ANNUAL CORN ROAST CELEBRATION
August 15, 2020 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Join us for “Corn Roast 2019” at beautiful Camp Mary Mac on August 17, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring your family; bring your neighbors. There is really something for everyone.

Celebrate the end of another successful summer camp season; connect with fellow campers from all over the region. Come tour the facilities.

This is a kid-friendly event. Introduce youth to our church camp for next year.

The corn, hayrides, children’s activities, picnicking and camp tours are free. The public is welcome!

See www.cccadisciples.org/marymac.

CCCA Conference Center
(Bethany Beach DE)

Christian Church Capital Area
Regional Office
Attn: Camp Registrar
8814 Kensington Parkway, Suite 208
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-6743

You will find your camp and conference registration materials, rates, event schedules, photos, and other resources about the camps, the facilities, the programs, and camper registration at the CCCA Outdoor Ministries Committee website, www.cccadisciples.org/camp or by contacting us via:

Phone: 301-942-8266 x201
Toll Free Phone: 877-942-8266
Fax: 240-558-4780
or
CampRegistrar@cccadisciples.org

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ABOUT OUR 2020 CAMP AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Our Outdoor Ministries program hosts seasonal events for all ages. You can find retreats and weekends for youth, young adults, seniors, women, men, and families—all affordably priced and centered on deep spiritual growth, conversation, and community.

Pre-School / Discovery Camp – For all families with preschool kids. A weekend introduction to camp. Come Friday night or early Saturday and stay until Sunday morning.

- **MM** June 10-11-12 - Pre-School Age Camp
  - Adult (14 y & older) - **$50**
  - Child (5 y & under) - **$20**

Early Elementary School / Pioneer Camp – For kids entering grades 1-3 in the Fall. Parents are welcome to join their camper for the weekend.

- **MM** June 17-19 - Early Elem. School Age Camp
  - Adult (14 y & older) - **$100**
  - Child (Grade 1-3) - **$80**

Older Elementary School / Junior Camp – For those youth entering grades 4-6 in the Fall.

- **MM** June 28-July 4 - Older Elem. School Age Camp - **$240**

Jr. High / Middle School / Chi Rho Camp – For youth entering grades 7-9 in the Fall.

- **MM** July 5-11 - Jr. High/Middle School Age Camp - **$240**

Created 2 B Me - Specifically designed for all students entering grade 9 in the Fall. Created 2 B Me Camp explores relationships, self image, & sexuality from a Christian perspective.

- **BB** July 19-25 - Created 2 B Me -
  - **$360** before May 1st; **$380** starting May 1st.

High School / CYF Conference – This Conference is for those entering grades 10-12 in the Fall and 2020 grades.

- **BB** July 12-18 - High School Age Conference - **$360** before May 1st; **$380** starting May 1st.

Family Camp 1 – The right mix of programs, structured activities, worship experiences, & free time for the family fun.

- **BB** June 28-July 4 - **Family Camp 1**
  - **Full Week Session:**
    - Adult - **$360** before May 1st; **$380** starting May 1st.
    - Child (6-13 y) - **$240** before May 1st; **$260** starting May 1st.
    - Child (3-5 y) - **$120** before May 1st; **$120** starting May 1st.
    - Child (2 y & under) - free

Family Camp 2 – The right mix of programs, structured activities, worship experiences, & free time for the family fun.

- **BB** August 2-8 - **Family Camp 2**
  - **Full Week Session:**
    - Adult - **$350** before June 1st; **$380** starting June 1st.
    - Child (6-13 y) - **$240** before June 1st; **$260** starting June 1st.
    - Child (3-5 y) - **$120** before June 1st; **$120** starting June 1st.
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FC 2 also offers 1/2 Week Sessions: Sun-Wed & Wed-Sat Sessions

- **BB** Aug 2-5 or Aug 5-8 - Rates are 50% of those above.

NEW FOR 2020

Appalachian Trail (Day) Hiking Camp, includes lodging/program/breakfast/bag lunch/dinner at camp MM. Take your wilderness skills to the next level! Enjoy different hikes each day!

- **MM** June 21-27 - **Full Week Session**
  - Adult - $290.
  - Child (8-13 y) - $240.
  - Child (3-7 y) - $120.
  - Child (2 y & under) - free

Regional Women’s Retreat - Programs designed for women age 13 and over; includes sessions on various topics of interest plus time for worship/relaxation. The Full-time (FT) Rates include 2 nights lodging, 4 meals, & program fees. Part-time (PT) Rates include 4 meals and program – but no lodging. Childcare for 2 y & under by request only.

- **FT** Adult 18 & over - **$165**
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Please remember to read the new Camper Fee Refund and Cancellation Policy—available on our update website at: www.cccadisciples.org/camp

MM = Camp Mary Mac - Sharpsburg, MD

Young Adult Conference (YAC) – For adults 18-30, single or married, who are at least one year out of high school.

- **BB** July 30-Aug 2 - Young Adult Conference -
  - **$180** before June 1st; **$190** starting June 1st.

Adult Conferences – For adults, these events are held during the week in the spring and fall for a quieter beach experience.

- **BB** May 11-14 - Spring Adult Conference I
  - Adult/Senior (incl. Lodging/Meals) - **$180** before April 1st; **$190** starting April 1st.
  - Adult/Senior (incl. meals only) - **$85** before April 1st; **$95** starting April 1st.

- **BB** Sept 8-11 - Fall Adult Conference II
  - Adult/Senior (incl. Lodging/Meals) - **$180** before July 1st; **$190** starting July 1st.
  - Adult/Senior (incl. meals only) - **$85** before July 1st; **$95** starting July 1st.

Bethany Retreat - New program, new focus, still great family fun for a long holiday weekend.

- **BB** May 22-25 - Bethany Retreat
  - Adult (14 y & older) - **$180** before April 1st; **$190** starting April 1st.
  - Youth (6-13 y) - **$120** before April 1st; **$130** starting April 1st.
  - Child (5 y & under) - free

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CCC-Sponsored Camp Programs welcome campers of all ages, including members of the public who are seeking a fun, Church-based camp experience as they grow in their faith. The Region is committed to the principles of Pro-Reconciliation / Anti-Racism across all of our programs. Our camps are open to all believers and seekers.