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For All the Saints

by Kenneth Kovacs

These are days of remembrance, peace, thanksgiving, and hope. Worship each Sunday throughout the month will focus upon these themes as we move from All Saints' to the Reign of Christ.

All Saints' Sunday November 4

In one of the most moving services of the year, we will gather at the Lord's Table and invoke the names of those who have died over the past year. Hebrews 12:1 tells us that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, the saints in light who have gone on to be the Lord, yet encourage us and inspire us to be faithful. We will sing again:

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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A Service for Peace on November 11

In 1918, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, the Great War (the so-called “War to end all wars”) came to an end. We will recognize the 100th anniversary of the Armistice with a special service for peace. (See our World War I-related offerings on November 4 and 11, on page 3. On this Remembrance Sunday, we will join countless others throughout the world to remember the fallen, lament the dead, give thanks for their sacrifice, and recommit to work for peace, healing, and reconciliation in the world.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

~Robert Lawrence Binyon’s (1869-1943)
“For the Fallen,” first published in *The Times* of London on 21st September 1914

Let All Things Now Living on November 18

On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will gather to offer our thanks and praise for God’s

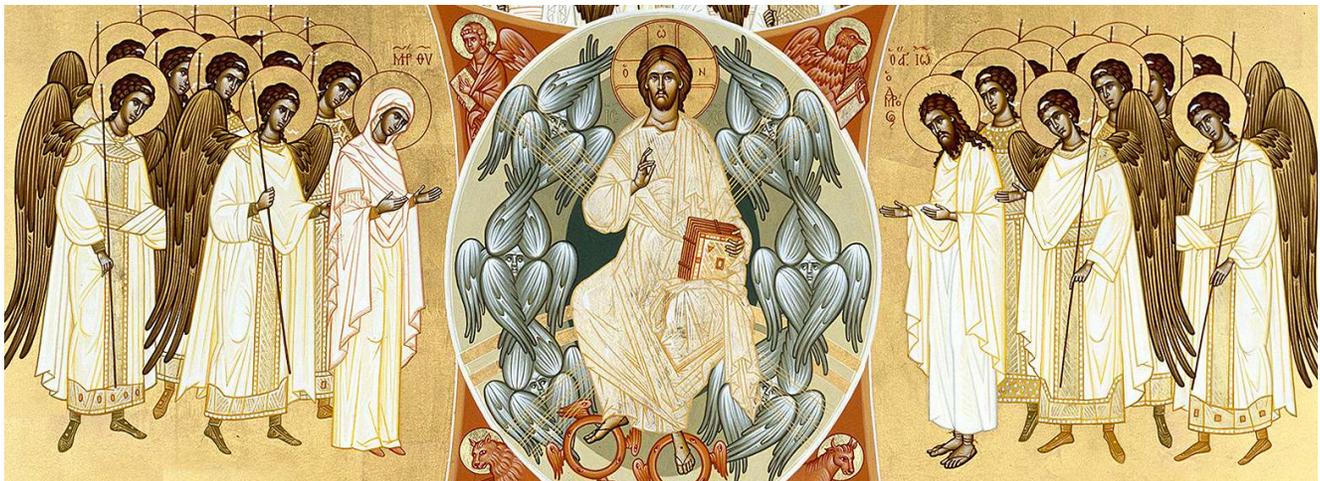
great love for us and for the world. The entire Christian life can be summed up as grace and gratitude. We welcome back to the pulpit the Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd (see page 6 for more details), we will welcome new members into our fellowship, we will present our financial pledge commitments for 2019, and recommit to the work of Christ among us.

Reign of Christ on November 25

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we live into the hope that Christ governs our lives with grace, justice, and goodness. Christ seeks the wholeness and well-being of all people. We live with hope because our lives are hidden in the life of Christ. Despite what the world throws at us, we are free to sing our Alleluias and our praise.

Weeping at the grave creates the song: Alleluia. Come, enjoy rewards and crowns I have prepared for you. We will remember them.

~Funeral liturgy from the Eastern Orthodox Church ✝



Growing in Grace

Adult Education Opportunities in November

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the library. Child care is always provided.

NOVEMBER 4

Remembering a Saint from World War I

The Great War began in 1914, ending with the Armistice, signed on November 11, 1918. British nurse Edith Cavell became involved in the war effort in her capacity as Matron of the School of Nursing and Clinic in Brussels. This presentation will focus on her life, legacy, and faith. Allied soldiers called her "the English angel." She met her fate with the German military in October 1915, but her faith was ever sustained by the Bible and Thomas à Kempis' *The Imitation of Christ*. Led by Brenda Logue.



NOVEMBER 11

The Theological Legacy of the Great War

When the Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918, no one could have imagined the lasting effect the war would have upon the Church, the study of theology, the nature of ministry, and our understanding of Western Christianity. For a century now, we continue to live in the wake of the cataclysm known as the Great War. Led by Kenneth Kovacs.

NOVEMBER 18 AND 25

C. G. JUNG: CONFRONTING THE UNCONSCIOUS

Just as Europe was on the brink of war in 1914, the eminent psychiatrist C. G. Jung thought he was on the brink of insanity. Jung's crisis was precipitated by his break with Sigmund Freud over the question of religion and faith. It was at this time that Jung started to courageously

confront his unconscious, embarking on a journey that would last the rest of his life. These Sundays, we'll highlight themes in Jung's psychoanalytic theories pertaining to religion and Christianity. And I'll share what it's been like studying at the C. G. Jung Institute-Küsnacht, Switzerland. Led by Kenneth Kovacs. ✚



MISSION WORK IN THE

Democratic Republic of Congo



For more than 20 years, Catonsville Presbyterian Church members and friends have donated their time and funds to help improve the lives of women and children, and in turned have touched lives thousands of miles away in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Church members have supported God's family tree with international mission work in DRC through donating, praying, and building relationships with those in need. A few areas we have been able to help include supporting Good Shepherd IMCK Hospital, Lubondai Hospital, Bulape Hospital, Safe Motherhood Kits, and the Moringa Tree project.

The Mission Committee invites you to "Re-visioning Mission"

Tuesday, November 13
Dinner at 6:30 Program 7-9 p.m.

You are invited to join the Mission Committee for an evening of fellowship and dialogue to take stock of Catonsville Presbyterian Church's local mission engagement, to discern together how God is at work in Catonsville and imagine the ways God might be calling our congregation to be in deeper relationship with our neighbors. Whether you are already involved with a group that is reaching out to our neighbors, such as the Dismantling Racism Group or the Deacons, or you are looking for ways to connect your passion for community service with your faith, we hope you can join us. Do you have questions

about the role of "the church" in the community? Have you struggled with how to talk to your children about mission and outreach? Children and youth are welcome. Child care will be provided for infants through 5 years.

Kate Foster-Connors and McKenna Lewellen, staff from The Center, will lead the evening's discussion. The Center is an initiative of the Presbytery of Baltimore (and Envision Fund recipient) whose mission is to inspire and equip individuals and congregations to engage boldly in their neighborhoods – to get involved where Christ's love and justice are already at work. If you have any questions about the evening, feel free to contact Susan Krehbiel, Mission Committee Chair at (susankr79@gmail.com).

UPCOMING

November 4 All Saints' Sunday

We will gather at the Lord's Table and remember the saints in light. *For we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses* (Heb. 12:1).

November 11 A Service for Peace

A special service this Veteran's Day, as we mark the centennial of the Armistice that ended the First World War.

November 18 Commitment Sunday

We will welcome new members, (re)commit to the ministry of CPC, present our financial pledge commitments for 2019, and welcome the **Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd** back to the pulpit.

November 25 Reign of Christ Sunday

The culmination of the liturgical year. We will give thanks for the past and the present and affirm our hope in the sovereign love of Christ.



DON'T FORGET TO Fall Back

It's that time of year again, time to Fall Back. With Daylight Saving Time ending on Sunday, November 4, at 2 a.m., we wanted to remind you to set your clocks back one hour the night before.

ADVENT 2018

Sunday, December 2

In the evening, the BIG Advent Feast will begin. Everyone is welcome to join!

Sunday, December 16

Christmas Concert Service followed by the Cookie Walk.

Tuesday, December 18

Blue Christmas Service at 7:30 p.m.

Christian Education

Parents, church school teachers, and interested church members are invited to participate in one listening group with Christian Education Consultant, Jen James. Available dates and times include:

Sunday, October 28, from 1-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 8, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Sunday, November 11, from 9-10:15 a.m.

Monday, November 26, from 7:30-9 p.m.

Please contact Jen James at (presbyjen@gmail.com) to sign up for a date. Thank you for helping to shape this ministry for years to come.

Scouts Update

by Glenda K. Johnson
Chartered Organization Representative

Cub Scout Pack 306 had a well attended Pack Meeting at the end of October. Boys were busily involved in selling popcorn as their major fundraiser for the year. Cub Scouts and their families enjoyed the first camping trip of the year on October 13-14, at Patapsco State Park. There were 22 families (nearly 60 people) who attended, for many this was their first adventure of overnight camping and cooking their meals outside. Special games and outdoor activities were enjoyed. Thanks to outdoor coordinator, Wil Heslop, it was all a great success. Thomas Cherry, Cubmaster and Melissa Cherry, Committee Chairperson invite you to check out the Cub Scouts on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 306 and their families assisted at the Renaissance Festival on its last day this year, working in the soda booths scattered throughout the site. Camping for October was at the Greenbelt National Park Service campground. Boys went to the Steven F. Udvar Air Space Museum on Saturday, in Chantilly VA.

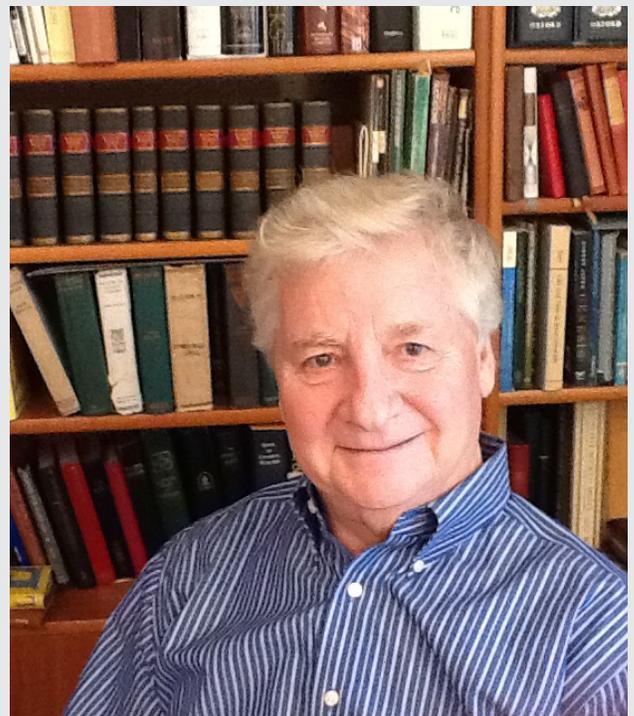
Both Scout groups are working on the rechartering of both groups. All adult volunteers have completed their required annual Youth Protection Training programs.

Saturday, November 24 will be the annual CPC GROUNDS CLEAN UP PROGRAM and the beginning of the annual Christmas Tree sales. Put the date on your calendar and plan to help get the grounds ready for winter. Work will run from 9:30-11:30 am. Light refreshments will be available at the end of the session.

For additional information about membership or activities, email Scoutmaster Jeff Scharf at (jscharf306@gmail.com).

Welcome Back J. Barrie Shepherd

On Sunday, November 18—Commitment Sunday—we welcome back the Rev. J. Barrie Shepherd, Minister Emeritus of The First Presbyterian Church in New York City. This will be Barrie's fourth visit to CPC. He will preach during worship, then after hold a poetry reading in the France Room. Barrie has preached and lectured extensively across the United States, Canada, UK, Europe and Africa. He was named the William Belden Noble Lecturer at Harvard in 1995, and the prestigious Lyman Beecher Lecturer at Yale in 2002. Author of more than fifteen books, Barrie's poetry appears frequently in *Weavings*, *Christian Century*, *The New Republic*, and *The Presbyterian Outlook*.



October Session Meeting Highlights

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 of the regular monthly Session meeting of October 3, 2018.

■ The Finance Committee reported that the recovery from the summer lag income is not complete. An appeal will be made to the congregation to bring pledges up to date, and to make special end of year contributions. Finance will coordinate the appeal with the fall Stewardship campaign.

■ The Stewardship campaign will begin in October with a theme of "Grace and Gratitude." Special activities and speakers in worship are planned, and a different kind of mailing will be made to members and friends. Commitment Sunday is scheduled for November 18, 2018.

■ The Website Task Force reported that the discovery phase of site design is completed and content for the site is being developed and refined.

■ The Mission Committee is planning more active events this year in lieu of the annual Mission Fair, to get more members involved in doing mission. The Center, a ministry of Baltimore Presbytery, will present a dinner program on its mission activities on Tuesday, November 13 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

■ At the recommendation of the Peace and Justice Committee, Session voted to contribute 25% of the Peace and Social Justice Offering

on World Communion Sunday to the Office of Public Witness of the PC(USA).

■ At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Session voted to consolidate the two part-time Bookkeeper positions (one for CPC, and one for the Child Care Center) into a single, full-time position in order to allow the Bookkeeper to receive full-time employment benefits.

Session recognizes the need to continually communicate with our membership, and we welcome your suggestions for communication exchange. Session member contact information is listed in the Church Directory, so it is easy to communicate directly with your church leaders. Take a few minutes to send a message to a Session member, the pastors, or the church office, and let us know what you think. We want to hear from you!

—David Hutton, Clerk of Session
(dhutton1@verizon.net)

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

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. Thank you!

—Keith Glennan, Finance Committee

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| Actual income as of October 15: | \$379,883 |
| Actual expense as of October 15: | -\$417,745 |
| Total: | -\$37,612 |

PLEASE WELCOME Jen James

Meet Jen James, our new Christian Education consultant, who will be working with us from October 2018 through February 2019. Supported by an Envision Fund grant—Enhancing our ministry to Children and Young People—Jen will:

- Help us clarify and reaffirm our theological and pedagogical goals for Christian education
- Undertake independent assessment of our Christian Education program
- Facilitate focus groups with children and youth, parents, non-parents, the Christian Education Committee and Session, to listen, learn and envision
- Formulate recommendations based on collective assessment for how CPC can enhance the impact of the CE program.
- Help us develop a new vision for Christian education at CPC.

Jen comes to us uniquely gifted for this work. She is a Facilitator and Christian Educator-at-Large working with congregations in the National Capital Presbytery. She is on staff for NEXT Church, where she coordinates their annual National Gathering, as well as facilitates and supports NEXT Church initiatives.

Having worked in Spiritual Formation in a congregation for over a decade, Jen now leads



workshops on local and national levels, and works with churches and church leaders to vision, assess, and strategically transform ministries. She is a member of the Spiritual Formation Team of the National Capital Presbytery and holds a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. When she's not working in the church world, Jen is wrangling her 5-year-old twin boys and debating theology and sports with her husband, who is a Methodist pastor.

CATONSVILLE CONCERTS AT 3

Sunday, November 25 The Cueto-Roldan Duo and Friends

Our next concert, at Catonsville Presbyterian Church, will feature the prominent husband and wife duo, violinist José Cueto and pianist Nancy Roldán, in a classical chamber themed concert, "A Touch of French." The duo, along with some talented colleagues, offer us an amazing concert with pieces by Fauré, Poulenc, Piazzolla, and Ginastera. This free chamber concert of the highest quality, is not to be missed.



SABBATICAL REFLECTIONS

Finding the Balance

by Dorothy Boulton

"I don't think there's such a thing as fast meditation. You have to slow down in order to let a relationship with the non-material world develop." Paul Schrader

Yes --- my sabbatical was wonderful! I was able to do many relaxing and reenergizing things during my time away from the church. Some highlights were visiting other congregations on Sunday mornings, vacationing with family, spending lots of time in outdoor recreational activities, preparing a meal at the relief center after the Old Ellicott City flood.

Yet one of the greatest gifts of my summer sabbatical was the ability to slow down – to unschedule myself so there'd be room for God to find me. In addition to the grace of "empty space," I made sure to have a consistent and regular yoga practice as well as disciplined meditation time. These enabled me to discover the goodness of quiet and calm and peace.

This gift, I recognize, is particularly necessary in our very loud & complex world. This summer

was an intense season of political wrangling, cultural divides, discordant voices shouting at one another, and acts of violence against the earth and against other human beings. Having a time of quiet, protected space where grace could enter, made real to me Jesus' calm in the boat in the midst of the storm.

My intent is to hold on to those practices, physical & mental & emotional, that enable me to keep the calm, to keep the connection with myself & with God. I hope to maintain the balance – faithful spirit and faithful action – as I reenter the whirlwind of ministry that is the life of CPC. I pray that all of us will cultivate this balance as well. Let's hold one another accountable, let all of us be attentive to that which brings peace and wellbeing, for ourselves and for the world.

Come and share your practices with me! Let's find our balance together.



Exploring Canada in the Eastern Township area, a big collection of small cities, towns, and villages nestled in nature in south-eastern Quebec located just north of Vermont.

Presbyterian Women's Worth

by Connie Renner

This summer I had the privilege of attending the Presbyterian Womens Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY. This conference happens only every three years and is called Churchwide because women attend from many other countries.

Even though Presbyterian Women, the name of the national group, celebrated 30 years of service this year, the women who worship at Presbyterian churches have been active in helping others since the churches were founded. We in Maryland can be proud that the longest continually active Presbyterian church is in Rehobeth, MD and was built in 1706. Three hundred and twelve years ago! At that time there were already about 4,000 Presbyterians in North America.

In the early 1800's Presbyterian women started extra giving programs, were missionaries, had Bible societies, but were not allowed to gather and pray by themselves. They had to have a pastor or an elder pray to start the meeting, because it was said that 'No one knew what they would pray for if left alone.'

In 1920, American women got the right to vote, thanks in good part to Presbyterian Women. One of the extra giving programs, Thank Offering, started in 1888 has continued and grown and this year distributed over \$300,000 to 16 mission applicants.

Presbyterian Women were in the forefront of advocating for women's rights in the workplace, food for school children on weekends, advocating against human trafficking, showers for homeless, advocating for migrant workers living conditions, pay, and schooling for their children, safe havens for families in threatening situations, training pastors in South Sudan in Peacemaking and Trauma healing, support for immigrants

and refugees in the US, as we in our church are doing.

Here comes the commercial. We are part of the Presbytery of Baltimore, 13 Presbyteries make up the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic which includes churches in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North, and South Carolina. The PW of the Synod of the Mid Atlantic has for a long time held a Summer Gathering in June. The responsibilities are passed around from Presbytery to Presbytery and this year I am the Chair of that Gathering. It will be held at Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA from June 6-9, 2019. It is a lovely setting in between the mountains. The location itself, is worth the trip.

Next year's Bible study will be on the 10 Commandments. It is named Love Carved in Stone. Think about that for a second. We don't often think of the 10 Commandments as love. Yet they were given to us by a God who loves us, because of that love. The author of the Bible study will be there to give us an introduction to the study. There will be a Jewish scholar and it will be interesting to hear his input on the 10 Commandments. We will also be addressing the MeToo! Movement with a clothes line of t-shirts submitted anonymously by MeToo! victims on which they will write or draw their hurt, or anger, or guilt, or healing. There will be a presentation by one such victim and workshops to talk about how we can help someone we know who goes through that. There will also be fun music, crafts, bird walks, and more. I'll let you know when the registration forms are ready.

Presbyterian Women are always moving forward to protect our children, our families, ourselves, and the strangers within our gates. May it always be so.

CPC Calendar



EVERY WEEK

SUNDAYS

9 a.m. Church School, ages 3–high school
9 a.m. Adult Education, Library
10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
(Communion is the first Sunday of the month)

MONDAYS

3:15–5:15 p.m. Tutoring Syrian Children, Cross-roads and Rising Stars Rooms
7–9 p.m. Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall
8–10 p.m. Scottish Dancers, Gym

TUESDAYS

9–11 a.m. Al-Anon, France Room
9:30 a.m. Needles Group, Library
7–9 p.m. Charm City Dancers, Gym
7–9:30 p.m. Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAYS

3:15–5:15 p.m. Tutoring Syrian Children, Cross-roads and Rising Stars Rooms
7–8 p.m. Cub Scouts, Scout Rooms/Gym/
Fellowship Hall/Rising Stars Room

THURSDAYS

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
(Except November 1 and 8)
5:30–6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Library
6:45–7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, MR
7–9:30 p.m. Kung Fu, Fellowship Hall
7:30–9 p.m. Boy Scouts, Scout Rooms/Gym
7:35–9 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

UPCOMING IN NOVEMBER

THURSDAY, November 1

7–9 p.m. Boy Scout Committee, Library
7:00 p.m. Peace and Justice Committee, CR

FRIDAY, November 2

9–11 a.m. Bridges PW Circle, FR
2–3:15 p.m. Writing Group, Library

SATURDAY, November 3

1–4 p.m. Tai Chi, Gym

SUNDAY, November 4

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Christian Education Committee, FR
6–7:30 p.m. Youth Night for Middle and High School Youth, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, November 5

9:30 a.m. PW Monday A.M. Circle, FR

TUESDAY, November 6

7 p.m. Concert Board, Library

WEDNESDAY, November 7

7 p.m. Session, Library

THURSDAY, November 8

7–9 p.m. Cub Scout Committee, Library

SATURDAY, November 10

9:30 a.m. Presbytery Gathering. Central Presbyterian Church, Towson

SUNDAY, November 11

PEACE SUNDAY

A special service to mark the centennial of the Armistice that ended the First World War.

MONDAY, November 12

All Day Preschool Pictures, Fellowship Hall
6 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group, FR
7:30 p.m. Adult Educ. Committee, CR

TUESDAY, November 13

All Day Preschool Pictures, France Room
6:30–9 p.m. Re-visioning Mission, France Room

WEDNESDAY, November 14

7 p.m. Child Care Council, RS Room
7:30 p.m. Trustees, Conference Room
7:30 p.m. Worship Committee, France Room

FRIDAY, November 15

7:30–9 p.m. Dismantling Racism Group, Library

FRIDAY, November 16

2–3:15 p.m. Writing Group, Library

SATURDAY, November 17

1–4 p.m. Tai Chi, Gym

SUNDAY, November 18
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

9 a.m. Session Receives New Members, FR
11:45 a.m. Poetry Reading by J. Barrie
Shepherd, France Room

WEDNESDAY, November 21

6:15–7:45 p.m. Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group, France Room
7 p.m. Envision Board, Conference Room

THURSDAY, November 22

THANKSGIVING DAY
Church Offices Closed

FRIDAY, November 23

Church Offices Closed

SATURDAY, November 24

9:30 a.m. Boy Scouts CPC Grounds Clean up and beginning of Christmas Tree Sales

SUNDAY, November 25
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

3 p.m. Catonsville Concerts at 3

MONDAY, November 26

6 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, November 28

7 p.m. Deacons, Library
7 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting, FH

FRIDAY, November 30

8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Organ Tuning, Sancturay



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