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Growing Together in Faith, Service, and Love



"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."
Psalm 136:1

Flute 29 Flute Choir

2026 HOLIDAY CONCERT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 7:00PM

CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10600 SHAKER DRIVE
COLUMBIA, MD 21046

Join the Flute 29 Flute Choir as we present a concert of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and winter-themed music to get you in the holiday spirit! Free and open to the public - no tickets required. Holiday-themed reception to follow!





Who's Who in the Pews

Steve and Cindy Pettit graduated from West Virginia University in 1980 -- without ever crossing paths. That fall, they attended graduate school in Boston and were introduced by mutual friends. Destiny had finally caught up with them at last!

The couple, who live in Ellicott City, were married in 1984 and then moved to Los Angeles, where Steve was working as an engineer at Hughes Aircraft Company. They moved to Maryland in 1987 when he accepted a job at Westinghouse in Baltimore. Cindy was pregnant with their first child, and they were eager to return to the east coast to be closer to their families. They have lived in Howard County for 39 years and joined CMPC in 1990. While they both were raised in the Methodist church (yet another coincidence), they found the Presbyterian church "to be a very easy transition and a good fit."

The couple has two children, Brian and Cara, who were born and raised in Howard County. Brian lives in Ellicott City with his two young sons. Cara and her husband live in Franklin, TN along with their two children. Brian and Cara were baptized and confirmed at CMPC and participated in LOGOS and other church programs. They along with many other family members are graduates of WVU.

Steve has served twice as an Elder and a Deacon and is currently serving as chair of the Membership and Hospitality Committee. He also leads a weekday Bible Study group. In the past, he served on the Ministry Expansion Committee and on a Pastor Nominating Committee. He taught Sunday School, served as a liturgist, and volunteered at LOGOS for many years as Treasurer, Table Parent and in other roles.

Steve worked as an electrical engineer for 43 years, specializing in antenna design for communication satellites and radar systems before retiring from Northrop Grumman in September 2023. Although he thoroughly enjoyed his professional career, he is happy to be retired and enjoys watching the couple's two grandsons. Steve plays competitive chess and follows his favorite college and Baltimore sport teams. He has been to 47 U.S. states, with only Montana, North Dakota and Nebraska left to visit.

Cindy served as Moderator of the Deacons. She taught Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School and led a women's bible study. She was very active in LOGOS when their children participated, serving as a Table Parent, Worship Skills Director and co-director of the Middle School Chime Choir.

She is a charter member of the Bells of Joy choir and is currently a coordinator of the CARE Group program that connects members with a contact person in the church. Cindy has served on the Fellowship Committee and schedules the ushers and greeters for Sunday worship services for the Membership and Hospitality Committee.

Cindy was a stay-at-home mom for many years. She also worked as a behavior analysis consultant, was an office manager of a tax office, and more recently was an administrative assistant in a dental and medical office. She has been very active for more than 30 years in P.E.O., a Philanthropic Educational Organization, which helps women achieve their educational goals. She enjoys watching her grandsons and nurturing their interests.

Steve's fondest memories at CMPC include participating in church mission trips to Mississippi and Mars Hill, N.C. Cindy has many fond memories of ringing bells and teaching at VBS.

With no immediate relatives in the area, their church friends quickly became their second family and have meant everything to them over the years. They feel blessed to be a part of the CMPC faith community and are grateful to God for bringing them here.

FOURTH MONDAY MEAL

Please join us on Monday November 23rd to provide dinner to the people of Grassroots Day Resource Center. This is an enriching opportunity to serve the greater community. If you can prepare food or serve, please sign up below.



It's poinsettia time!

Please help us to decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias for our Christmas Eve services. The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember and honor special people in their lives. Poinsettias are $18.00 each and may be ordered until Monday, December 7th at noon. Please make payment on the CMPC homepage or leave a check in the office. This year we have three choices of color: traditional red, traditional white and introducing red glitter, pictured below (red that looks like it was splattered with white paint).

Plants can be picked up after the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service or can be left at the church.

