

CBC Courier

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◆ FROM THE PASTOR

Several weeks ago I read a newspaper article about a church that is celebrating a major anniversary. What struck me was the photograph the newspaper used to accompany the article.

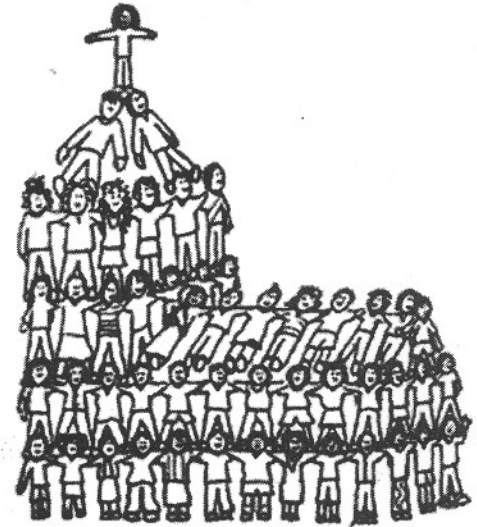
The photo showed the congregation's minister standing in front of the church building. That was it—a clergy person and a building,

As I looked at the photo, all I could think was, "But that's not the church. The church is the people. The church is the ministries and programs they share. The church is the mission and service they offer beyond the walls of the building. The church is not the pastor and the building. The church is the people."

As I've continued thinking about that photo, a song from the 1970s has gotten stuck in my head. The chorus of *We Are the Church* declares:

The church is not a building,
The church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place,
The church is a people.

This fall I hope we'll celebrate that Central Baptist Church is the people. People who have been part of the congregation for fifty years and people



who've just joined us. People who come from a wide range of religious backgrounds and who find themselves at different points along their spiritual journeys. People who offer a rich diversity of gifts and perspectives.

As we celebrate the people who are CBC, I hope we'll find opportunities to get to know each other better.

The name tags we wear on the first Sunday of each month provide an opportunity to learn each other's names. Our new pictorial directory also will help us connect names and faces.

Conversations during coffee hour can help us move beyond just knowing someone's name. Another great way to get to know people at a deeper level is to participate in a small group—such as the choir, Bible study, guys group,

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Fall Mission Project

This fall CBC will sponsor a local mission project. We will help with repairs to a house in Jamestown.

If you are interested in helping with the repairs (i.e., carpentry, painting), lending a hand with yard work, or preparing food for the crew, please sign up on the sheet in the parlor or call the church office.



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ladies' breakfast, play-reading group, Sunday school, and youth group. Working together on church events and mission projects is another way to get to know each other.

I'm grateful that when I picture CBC, I see the people. It's a photograph worth celebrating.

Kathryn

Within Our Church Family

Congratulations to Matt and Amara Mulder on the birth of their daughter, Eliza. She is the granddaughter of Link and Karin Murray.

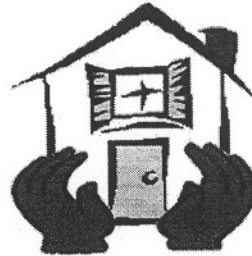


On September 25, we welcomed five new members to CBC. They are:

- Ty, Jill, and Jonah Connett
85 Howland Avenue
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(910) 691-4301
- Maria Pimental
45 Penberton Avenue, Apt. G32
Jamestown, RI 02835
935-4564
- Dianne Reilly
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Forum on Domestic Violence

Veronica Hobbs, family violence option advocacy program director for the Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties, will lead a forum on domestic violence at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 23.

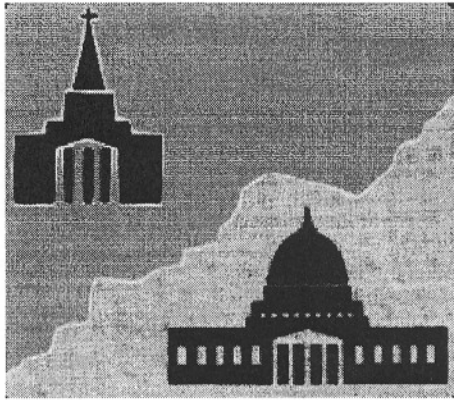


Play-reading Group

Rabbit Hole, David Lindsay-Abaire's Pulitzer-Prize winning drama, is the October selection for CBC's play-reading group. The play deals with the ways family members survive a major loss. It includes comedy, as well as drama.

Copies of the play are available in the church parlor. Please take a copy, read the play, and then join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, to discuss and read portions of this work.





Forum & Conference

The separation of church and state will be the focus of two upcoming events.

On Sunday, October 9, Kathryn Palen will lead an 11:00 a.m. forum on *What's the Big Deal About the Wall of Separation?*

Kathryn spent five years on the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee

on Religious Liberty, which deals with First Amendment issues. She will help us explore the important role Rhode Island played in fighting for religious liberty in the United States.

On Saturday, November 5, the Baptist Heritage Center of Rhode Island will sponsor a conference on *Where's Roger Williams When We Need Him? Facing Church-State Issues.*

Melissa Rogers, director of the Center for Religion and Public Affairs at Wake Forest University Divinity School, will be the event's keynote speaker.

Melissa is also a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. She previously served as executive

director of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

The National Journal recognized her as one of the church-state experts "politicians will call on when they get serious about addressing an important public policy issue."

The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Bristol County Courthouse. The deadline for registration, which costs \$20 per person, is October 15.

For more info about the event, see the brochure on the gathering space bulletin board or speak with Nancy Cyr-Larson or Kathryn Palen.


New Announcement Opportunity


Since individuals within our congregation have a wide range of interests and involvements beyond CBC-related ministries, programs, and activities, the Board of Deacons has developed a new opportunity for sharing about those interests and involvements.

An "announcement" table will be available each Sunday during coffee hour. Individuals and/or groups may

use this table to display information (i.e., fliers, posters) they wish to share. A brief announcement will be made at the beginning of coffee hour to draw attention to the table.

If you have a question about this new opportunity, please speak with Lynda King, Board of Deacons chair.

 Courier material is due Sunday, October 30 and November 20.



Announcement!

Are you aware of a lecture that might be of interest to other folks at CBC? Would you like to announce your music group's upcoming concert and sell tickets? Do you belong to an organization that is sponsoring a fundraising event?



CBC Christmas Fair

We have chosen an angel theme for this

year's Christmas Fair, which falls on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Your committee has gathered twice to explore the various areas of preparation for this event.

We welcome your contributions in the following areas:

Our themed gift baskets which sell for \$10, \$20, \$30 are fun to assemble. This year, we ask that you select your theme from a list we will supply to avoid duplication in any category. A sign-up list will be available in the parlor through October and early November. No



need to arrange the items in your baskets. We will do that for you. The deadline for bringing your basket to church is Sunday, November 13.

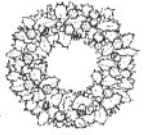
Once again, we ask you to consider a donation to our Artists' Gallery. Many of us have creative talents in photography, painting, quilting, woodworking, and other skills. We offer you this opportunity to display and sell your creations.



We always do well with our silent auction area. In addition to gift certificates and valuable or unusual items to be bid on, please consider services you, or someone you know,

could offer. For example, 2 hours of gift-wrapping, light house cleaning, make a meal, 2-4 hours light yard clean-up, gardening advice, a 2-hour tour of local landmarks. Use your imagination.

Of course, we will welcome your help with wreath decorating, baked goods, and the Christmas table. We need your ideas and enthusiasm.



For more information, please speak with a member of the Christmas Fair Committee: Noel Brakenhoff, Emma Brown, Donna Chellis, Michelle Gibbs, Arlene LaBua, and Deb Nordstrom.



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