



# Capitol Hill

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grateful Hearts Anniversary Celebration • 1864-2014  
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*Committed  
to serving  
Jesus Christ*

*Caring  
about each other  
and the needs  
of a broken world*

*Community exploring  
faith, joyfully sustained  
by the love of God*



*April 14, 2013  
11:00 a.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

***149th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY***  
***Honoring the early years of CHPC ministry***  
***1869-1908***

## WORSHIP NOTES

- Please silence all cell phones, pagers, and other devices.
  - ***Bold italicized words*** are to be said by the congregation.  
Asterisk indicates please stand if able.
  - Unless indicated, Bible readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.
  - Hymnal inserts are found in the front of the hymnals. Please return after use.
  - An audio file of sermons can be obtained at our church website: [www.capitolhillpreschurch.org](http://www.capitolhillpreschurch.org).
- PODCASTS** are available on **ITUNES** - Capitol Hill Sermons".  
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## *Welcome*

A sense of the historical is something you cannot escape in the District of Columbia. It is palpable as you walk around Capitol Hill. As you look at the variety of old buildings, you wonder at the role each played in creating the story of the Hill. In particular, the non-government buildings put a personal twist on the stories of the Hill; and Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, like all churches, houses personal and spiritual history: the births, marriages, deaths and other life experiences that shade a community.

This is the 149<sup>th</sup> year of Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church's service to the Capitol Hill community and the larger region. This year we will honor the church's legacy during the period from 1869-1908. We are highlighting two significant events in the life of this congregation in this period: the ministry of J. Lowrey Fendrich (1938-1944), and in 1954 the merger of two Presbyterian congregations on the Hill. In 2014 we will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organizing of this church.

Once again, welcome to our 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and enjoy your journey into the history of this congregation.

The History Committee  
of the CHPC Session

**Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church**  
Washington, DC

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

Dear Land of Home from the tone poem “Finlandia”

J. Sibelius

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing, all people of God! Sing the good news:

**God awakens with Joy’s embrace.**

Sing, in every land, in every tongue! Sing the good news:

**God takes us by the hand to lead us into the light.**

Sing, in heaven and on earth! Sing the good news:

**We will sing the good news of Easter!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

**#262**

**CALL TO GOD’S GRACE**

When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace.

**PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION**

*God of Life and Love, you take away our despair giving us hope and joy. You fill our empty souls with the resurrection feast of peace and life. When we long to keep you like a good luck charm, you challenge us to live a love which goes beyond mere friendship. You make us speechless with your mercy, yet choose us to tell your story of new life to all the world. When our secret wounds would sap our energy, you pour your peace into us, healing us so we may be agents of healing. God in Community, Holy in One, you alone are all that we have, and all that we are, and so we lift our prayers to you.*

*(Silent prayer) And now together: We pray in the name of the one who lights the path of our journey, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults and gifts us with grace and hope.

***Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

\*RESPONSE *sung two times:*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the response "Al-le-lu-ia!". The top staff is marked "joyfully" and the music is in 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef, and the bass line is in bass clef. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the notes. The bottom staff continues the melody and bass line for the second time.

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING IN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

## PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-20

(NT, p.119)

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God in Creation,  
for the Word of God within us.

***Thanks be to God!***

PROCLAMATION OF MUSIC "Let This House Our Shelter Be"

Richard A. Otto

*Long before this House was built, a house of brick and stone,  
to shelter comfort and protect all gathered as God's own;  
And long before the tower and cross made this a sacred place,  
our forebears were within themselves, a temple through God's grace.  
We thank Thee God for forebears strong whose task it came to be  
to build upon this hallowed ground a house to worship Thee.*

*Many years ago it was, amid both joy and tears,  
Good people using heart and hand and laying down their fears,  
They made a sheltered place to pray, all firm upon the land,  
a sturdy symbol of their faith where now our church does stand.  
We thank Thee God for this our church which for so many years,  
has given shelter, peace and love, to all who worship here.*

*Now we are inheritors of the great Christian faith  
that built this sheltered church of God where we do meet this day.  
And as we gather in this house, in gratitude and praise  
we ask that we may also be a temple through God's grace.  
To thank Thee God, we charge ourselves and those in future days,  
to let this house our shelter be, for peace and praise and love.  
For peace and praise and love.*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

(NT, p.109)

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God in Creation,  
for the Word of God within us.

***Thanks be to God!***

#### SERMON

#### RESPONDING

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each joy/concern is voiced, let us pray for it together, saying:

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.*** *or*

Lord, for your goodness, ***we give you thanks.*** (*Silent Prayer*)

#### \*HYMN OF THANKS

“Lord of All Good”

**#375**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / GIVING OF OURSELVES

Music Meditation

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin

*Natalie Carter, Soloist*

\*Response

D A Bm  
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart give thanks to the  
F#m G D A A7  
Ho - ly One give thanks to God who gives us Je - sus Christ the Son, and  
F#m Bm Em A  
now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say "I am  
D Bm Em  
rich" be - cause of what the Lord has done for  
A D G D  
us. Give thanks, give thanks.

## SENDING

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "The Church's One Foundation"

#442

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION Please join in singing

*May the road rise to meet you;*

*May the wind be at your back;*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face;*

*May the rain fall soft upon your field.*

*And until we meet again, until we meet again,*

*May God hold you in the palm of God's hand. ©*

POSTLUDE

God is Here!

Arr. J. Ferguson

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# *History Program*

Introduction: Pastor Andy Walton

The Building of Our Building

Frank Allen (Rev. John Chester)  
Joe Boyette (Emil Friedrich, the architect)  
Doug Delano (Trustee 1)  
Dave Levy (Trustee 2)  
Jerry Sroufe (Trustee 3)  
Byron Buck (President Ulysses S. Grant)  
Sue Van Slyke (Narrator)

Closing Remarks

The Reception

***You are invited to a Reception  
at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall***

With  
Special Anniversary Cake  
made by Martha Larkin, Mary Ann Sroufe, and Sue Van Slyke

With Thanks to All Who Contributed  
***Anniversary Offering  
April 14, 2013***



## Chapel Improvements

The 2013 Anniversary Offering is dedicated to the continued restoration of the Chapel/Annex, this time focused on the restoration of the central stained glass windows there, the last on our list as we have already completed the 8 smaller windows. That cost is \$10,600. Also included in our total Anniversary Offering project is the covering or replacement of the Chapel floor (roughly estimated at \$2,500), and Installation of one door from the Chapel Hall (cost not yet determined). Please visit the Chapel during the reception and note the improvements thus far.

With Thanks to the Facilities Ministry:

Diane Shages (Chair), Gary Barbour, Leslie Barbour, Ron Berger, Jamie Chope, Doug Delano, Gene Larkin, David LaVoy, Dave Levy, Andy Rush, Mary Ann Sroufe, Brian Testa, and our facilities manager, Robert Heywood.

With Thanks to the Finance Ministry:

Joe Boyette (Chair), Claudia Nadig (Treasurer), Leslie Barbour (Assistant Treasurer), Frank Allen, Brandon Hunt, David LaVoy, Ida May Mantel, Sue Van Slyke & Chris Smith

## *Sesquicentennial Grateful Hearts Theme*

The theme of the Sesquicentennial Program was inspired by the words of “Give Thanks” by Henry Smith, a song sung every Sunday at CHPC.

*Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks to God who gives us Jesus Christ the Son  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.<sup>1</sup>*

With Thanks  
To the Sesquicentennial Committee.

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# *2013 Grateful Hearts Sesquicentennial Calendar*

January	<i>Committee Meeting on Monday, January 10; meet w/Finance Ministry on permanent fund and other financial matters on January 15; January 20 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Chili Bowl 5:30-8:30pm ; January 21 Inauguration Day Hospitality Open House 9am-5pm; design 2013 Commemorative and History Booklet</i>
March	<i><u>Hill Rag</u> ad for April Anniversary Sunday; begin Sidewalk Sale announcements; <u>Committee meeting TBD</u> to review quiet campaign; and review commemorative and History Booklet; March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter</i>
April	<i>Purchase banner, lawn signs and <u>Hill Rag</u> ad for May Sidewalk Sale; Contact speakers for BofB Dinners; ask for volunteers for Sidewalk Sale; 4/9 Letter to Congregation on Anniversary Offering; 4/14 Anniversary Sunday; <u>Committee meeting TBD</u> to review quiet campaign and Sidewalk Sale</i>
May	<i>5/1 Letter to Congregation on Grateful Hearts program w/pamphlets; 5/6-10 Chapel open for donations; 5/11 Sidewalk Sale; Request for Volunteers BofB Dinners</i>
June	<i>June 30<sup>th</sup> 5th Sunday Worship; Report to Session on Grateful Hearts program;</i>
July	<i><u>Committee meeting TBD</u></i>
August	<i><u>Hill Rag</u> Ad for 9/28 Books of the Bible Dinners</i>
September	<i>9/28 Books of the Bible Dinners; September 29<sup>h</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship;</i>
October	<i>Stewardship program launched; <u>Committee meeting TBD</u></i>
November	<i><u>Hill Rag</u> Ad for Advent/Xmas/ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i>
December	<i>December 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday program; Purchase banner and <u>Hill Rag</u> Ad for 2014 Chili Bowl</i>

# Commemoratives



**2011 Anniversary Bookmark** is a commemorative honoring the history of Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church. The design is silk-screened on silver metal – \$10.00 each.



**Sesquicentennial Christmas Ornament** is an original drawing of the church with 1864-2014 and Capitol Hill Presbyterian silk-screened in white on iridescent red metallic finish – \$2.00 each.



**Sesquicentennial Tote Bag** is a roomy tote with Velcro closure and external pocket. White with blue handles and bottom – \$5.00 each.



**2012 Anniversary Bookmark** is a commemorative honoring the 148<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The design is the Grateful Hearts Celebration logo with tassel. Can be ordered in bulk – \$0.50 each.

**2013 Anniversary Coaster** honors the 149<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church. The design is the same the banner in the Sanctuary – \$1.00 each.

# *A Brief History of the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church*

In January of 1864, several ladies saw in *The Presbyterian Magazine*, an article written by the Reverend John Chester about a church he had started under a tree in Bustleton, NJ with another pastor. Since they were tired of walking or riding in a carriage through muddy or dusty streets to get to the closest Presbyterian church, they wrote to him and asked if – since God had used him to start a “Church under a tree” – he might also use him to start a church on a hill. The young pastor saw this as a call from God and immediately came to DC, met with a few interested persons and preached a sermon. Finding the situation favorable, he then returned to NJ, resigned his charge, moved his young family to Washington, and the Capitol Hill Presbyterian church was organized by the Presbytery of the Potomac on April 11, 1864 with 34 members.

The congregation soon outgrew the various temporary quarters (which included the Capitol Building itself), and by 1868 it was obvious that a large edifice needed to be built to house the church. At this time the assets of the Metropolitan Church, a corporation formed for the purpose of establishing a National Presbyterian Church in DC (but which did not exist in fact as a congregation), were turned over to Dr. Chester’s Capitol Hill Church with the provision that the plans be enlarged and the name changed to Metropolitan Presbyterian Church. This was done and the work started, but the building had only reached the first floor when the contractor failed. This caused much hardship and consternation among the members but the building was finally completed in 1872. The dedication service was attended by President Ulysses S. Grant. Money was very tight, however, and consequently the iron spire which was to top the tower was not built and the tower was completed as it appears today. The cost would have been approximately \$1,500.

The congregation grew steadily and by 1892 more room was needed for the Sunday School department, so a small building was built next to the church. The building is often called the “chapel” today.

The church continued to thrive into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, having about 900 members in the first decade.

During the forties, the Pastor, Dr. J. Lowrey Fendrich Jr., started the “Institute of Applied Religion and Psychology” and radio broadcasts were made from the church. This period was marked by growth in membership of nearly 50% and dramatic increase in worship attendance. However, there was some dissension in the congregation, and despite efforts by the Session and the Board of Trustees to convince Dr. Fendrich to stay, he left in April, 1944 to accept a call in Cincinnati, OH.

After the Second World War, many young families moved to the suburbs and membership declined in most city churches. In 1955 it was decided to merge with Eastern Presbyterian at 6<sup>th</sup> and Maryland Avenue NE. The name chosen for the new church was The Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church.

During the 1970s, a proposal was made to tear down the church building and build townhouses. Worship services would be held in the chapel. This was ultimately defeated, but the congregation looked at new ways to support the building. The Washington Seminar Center grew out of this.

During a storm on Friday, April 13, 1984, two days before Palm Sunday, lightning struck a window frame and started a fire in the attic. A tragedy was averted when a homeless man, who had a relationship with the church, saw the fire as he was walking by and called the fire department. His quick action probably saved the building. However, the Sanctuary was badly damaged by water and for a year the congregation worshiped in the Fellowship Hall. During this time some remodeling was done to the Sanctuary.

Though the church is now 149 years old, it does not rest on its laurels but constantly seeks ways to relate to the community. A few of the current programs include Breakfast Burrito Sunday, Food Pantry Sunday, the Little Girls Easter dress project with dresses given to little girls in the homeless program of Capitol Hill Group Ministry, and mission projects both at home and internationally. Various community groups use the building on a regular basis. And now we are looking forward to the next 149 years.

Contributed by Sue Van Slyke

## *Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church History from 1869 to 1908*

### **1869 – 1894 THE CAPITOL HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GETS GOING**

- In 1872 after 6 years of planning, fund raising, and building, a new Church building was finally finished and dedicated. Attendees included President Grant and members of the Congress and judiciary;
- In 1884 a better exit was constructed at the West end of the sanctuary and a pipe organ installed; and
- In 1892 an education wing was added to the South side of the Sanctuary (it is now known as the “Chapel”).

### **1894 – 1903 CHURCH BUILDING MODERNIZED**

The organizing pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Chester, retired after 30 years’ service, due to poor health. In 1894 the Congregation called the Rev. Dr. George N. Luccock as the Church’s second minister. During Dr. Luccock’s ministry:

- Special surfaces were installed on the first floor;
- The building was painted inside and out;

- Electric lights were installed;
- The balcony was extended to provide more seating;
- A water-powered compressor was installed for the organ; and
- The size of the Congregation doubled.

### **1903 – 1909 THE CHURCH BUYS A MANSE**

In 1903 the Rev. Dr. Evans became the Church's third minister. During his ministry:

- The Congregation purchased a manse at 17 Fifth Street, SE, for \$7,250;
- Individual glasses were substituted for the common communion chalice; and
- The church supported missionaries both in the US and foreign countries.

## ***Rev. George Naphtali Luccock***

***(Second Pastor of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC)***

Rev. Luccock not only served as Pastor of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church of Washington, but he also had a distinguished career at College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio and on the Staff of General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. In addition he was a significant force behind the defeat of William Jennings Bryan's 1923 effort to cease payments to Presbyterian colleges that taught evolution.

George N. Luccock was born in 1857 in Kimbolton, Guernsey County, Ohio, the son of Samuel W. and Elizabeth W. Day Luccock. He attended public schools in Ohio and in 1872 he enrolled in Wooster University's Preparatory Department. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wooster in 1878 and completed his work for a Master's degree in 1881. He studied at the Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA and was ordained in 1881. In 1904 the University of Wooster conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on Rev. Luccock.

Rev. Luccock's first years of ministry (1881-1890) were spent in Home Missions in Iowa. There he met and married Emma Bingham, a teacher. To this union were born seven children. From 1891-1893 he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Indiana.

In 1894 Rev. Luccock was called to the pulpit of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church (now the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church) of Washington, DC. At that time the Church membership was 570 and the congregation was encumbered with a substantial property debt. During his service in Washington, Rev. Luccock was regarded as one of the city's most popular ministers and lecturers. The \$1,500 debt on the educational annex (chapel) was paid off in 1898, and the property was improved at a cost of \$10,000. (The property improvements included the installation of electric gas lights, the extension of the balcony to provide more seating, the installation of a water-driven compressor for the organ, the installation of two new furnaces, and the repair of one of the old furnaces. By 1903, when

Rev. Luccock resigned to take a different call the membership had increased to 880 members and the debt on the property was entirely repaid.

In 1903 Rev. Luccock was called as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Oak Park, IL. As noted above, he received his Doctor of Divinity in 1904. Also while in Oak Park, Rev. Dr. Luccock became acquainted with Rev. Dr. Charles F. Wishart, pastor of a neighboring Presbyterian Church. Next Rev. Dr. Luccock was called to be the Pastor of the College of Wooster Campus Church and served in this capacity from 1917 to 1927. When the President of the College of Wooster became vacant in 1919, Dr. Luccock encouraged Dr. Wishart to apply for the position. Dr. Wishart later commented on this as follows: *“...had it not been for George Luccock, I should probably never have been in the service of the College of Wooster. I recall the beautiful letter which he wrote me, urging me to come. The fact that he was here, furnished to me one of the strongest inducements toward the acceptance of a very onerous responsibility.”* (Italicized language courtesy of Special Collections, The College of Wooster Libraries.)

From 1916 to 1943 Dr. Luccock served on the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Chicago. He was also on the Board of Directors of Western Theological Seminary for many years and in 1921 and 1922 Dr. Luccock was Chairman of the Presbyterian General Assembly Permanent Committee on Vacancy and Supply.

The 1923 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church met in Indianapolis, Indiana. A Presbyterian Layman and fiery orator, William Jennings Bryan, opposed the teaching of Darwinism (evolution) in Presbyterian colleges and organized a campaign to be elected as Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. However, Charles F. Wishart (President of the Presbyterian Liberal Arts College of Wooster), a strong proponent of allowing William Jennings Bryan, evolution to be taught at Presbyterian-run colleges and universities was elected Moderator by a vote of 451-427. Undaunted, William Jennings Bryan moved on the floor of the General Assembly that the denomination cease payments to any school, college, or university where Darwinism was taught. However, the Assembly did not to adopt his motion.

Dr. Wishart, the Assembly Moderator, commented on this as follows: *“It was in May of 1923. The theological waters of Presbyterianism were stirred and troubled. The eloquence of a great public leader had inflamed many lay and ministerial minds on the whole question of scientific teaching in colleges. It appeared for a time, as though this spirit of ruthless anti-scientific repression would clamp down on the freedom of liberal arts colleges to teach the truth as they found it, whether in the white light of science or on the pages of God's revelation. Therefore, it so happened that, as representing a leading liberal arts college of the denomination, who by no choice of my own was thrown into the very center of the turmoil. I shall never forget coming into Indianapolis, Indiana, on the night before our General Assembly met and how the first man to greet me when I got off the train was George Luccock. He told me at once the situation, and, in a manner of speaking, took me under his wing. The tension was terrific, and the election for moderator the next day one of the most exciting -- perhaps -- the most exciting -- that I have ever witnessed in a church gathering. All the while it was the quiet, steady, kind, wise hand of George Luccock that guided me through, and when,*

*by a narrow margin, the colleges won out with a vindication of their sacred freedom to teach the truth, it was to this man, under God, to whom I felt most indebted."* (Italicized language courtesy of Special Collections, The College of Wooster Libraries.)

In 1927 Dr. Luccock retired at the age of 70 as Pastor of the College of Wooster Campus Church. The President of the College of Wooster described Dr. Luccock's life after retiring from the College of Wooster: *"After three score years and ten he performed a service large enough and important enough to make up a glorious life history for many another man. He was simply not permitted to retire. At Berea College in Kentucky, at Blackburn College in Illinois, at great pastorates in Oklahoma City, at Morristown, New Jersey, at Colorado Springs, Indianapolis, and Columbus he served with distinction. He crowned his career by a most notable service in the Second Presbyterian Church at Kansas City, Missouri. There he took an unhappily divided and wholly discouraged church and reunited, revitalized that great organization so that its present prosperity is the visible fruitage of his devotion. All the while he was writing books, serving on boards and committees, and for long years acting as mentor and guide, the supreme illuminating and the lubricating factor in Wooster Presbytery and in the Synod of Ohio.* (Italicized language courtesy of Special Collections, The College of Wooster Libraries.)

In addition, in 1930 Dr. Luccock was a delegate to the World's Missionary Conference, Edinburgh. In 1939 he served on the General Assembly Committee to prepare new Intermediate Catechism and was a member of the General Assembly Board of Christian Education.

Dr. Luccock died in Wooster, OH on February 24, 1943 at the age of 86. He was still on call to serve as an interim pastor at the time of his death. He was survived by his second wife, four children and two step children. His children were listed in his obituary as: Tracy D. Luccock, President of P. F. Bolland Company, Joliet, IL (publishers of greeting cards); Emory D. Luccock, pastor of the first Presbyterian Church, Evanston, IL; Mrs. F. C. Stifler, Summit, NJ; and Mrs. R. E. Stoddard of Chicago.

Known Publications by George N. Luccock;

- The Home God Meant; George N. Luccock (REPRINT 2006 by Barnes and Noble - 208 pages)
- Characteristics of the Christian's life; George N. Luccock (1921 - 39 pages)
- Elements of personal Christianity; George N. Luccock (1921 - 39 pages)
- Adult department elective: (thirteen lessons).  
George N. Luccock, John T. Faris, Presbyterian Board of Publication (19??)
- Fundamentals of daily living; George N. Luccock (1921 - 141 pages)
- The Christian in Social Relationships; George N. Luccock (1921 - 39 pages)

Contributed by Gene Larkin



## *Emil Sophus Friedrich – Little Known Architect of Capitol Hill Buildings and Homes*

There are many public and private buildings on Capitol Hill that were built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century where the architect is not easily identified. One of these buildings was the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church. The cornerstone of the Church was laid in February 1869 but the identity of the architect was soon forgotten.

A 19<sup>th</sup> century newspaper article about the Presbyterian Church building has been found (The National Republican, issue dated April 12, 1869). The article describes the building of a Presbyterian Church on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SE. It states that the “Church structure will be of Gothic style, two stories in height, with slate roof. The fronts will be of pressed brick and the bases, sills, and trims will be of Connecticut brown stone. The main entrance will be on Fourth Street, where the bell-tower, which will be 18 feet square will project 6 feet from the front line of the building. The tower will be 101 feet high to the top of the brickwork.” Many other architectural details are provided and the article concludes that Mr. E. S. Frederick is the architect.

*(Note: E. S. Frederick is a variant spelling for E. S. Friedrich, who was a German immigrant and architect who lived 3 blocks from the site of the Church (321 East Capitol Street, SE). The newspaper Anglicized the German name as Frederick. Similarly when Mr. Friedrich testified before a House Committee in 1872, his name was Anglicized as Fredericks (HR 42<sup>nd</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, Report 72, Affairs of the District of Columbia, May 13, 1872. Also the Washington Star Anglicized the name when writing about the Architect’s son, Dr. Friedrich, a prominent Capitol Hill Doctor at the turn of the century (who also lived in the 300 block of East Capitol Street, SE.)*

Emil Sophus Friedrich was born in 1828 in Dankerode, Germany, the son of a Lutheran Pastor. He was educated in Germany and at age 20 immigrated to Virginia. Around 1851 he moved to Washington, D. C. where he worked as a draftsman, architect, and builder. He was employed on the staff of the Architect of the Capital at the time of the installation of the new cast iron dome. He subsequently was employed by the Navy Yard and engaged in private projects. He specialized in buildings with mansard roofs.

Emil Sophus Friedrich is best known as the architect of College Hall at Gallaudet College for the Deaf. In 1862 Mr. Friedrich designed a large addition for Gallaudet and in June 1864 he prepared a drawing for College Hall. Work began on the building in 1865 but only the first third of the building was completed because Gallaudet changed direction on the layout for the campus and hired a different Architect to finish the Hall. Nonetheless, Mr. Friedrich’s building is where President Lincoln signed the charter for Gallaudet and is an important historical site. While Mr. Friedrich was working with Gallaudet, his correspondence was written on the letterhead of the

Navy Construction Engineers Office. (See the Records of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington, DC, the 50<sup>th</sup> Volume, pages 279-289.)

Emil S. Friedrich testified before the House Committee for the District of Columbia (see note above). He and Captain Grant applied for a contract to pave streets. His testimony was that he was currently employed at the Bureau of Yards and Docks at the Navy Yard as a draftsman, a stonemason, and that he had worked as an architect for Gallaudet. He testified that he was the architect for a large number of houses in the city of Washington, the midshipman's quarters at Annapolis "and the new naval hospital there" and an addition to the Navy Department Building. He also testified that before he immigrated to the U.S. he had superintended the building of macadamized turnpike roads in Germany, the street pavement of the city of Halle and extensive improvements to the Halle City Hall.

In a letter written to his brother in Illinois dated May 16, 1876, Emil S. Friedrich stated that during the building season almost all his attention was required on the buildings that he was working on, and that the buildings were mostly large and costly and required a good deal of watching. He also stated that at the time he was working on a large addition to the Riggs House (a large hotel just South of the Treasury Building) and had over 100 hands working on it.

Mr. Friedrich's 1864 design for Gallaudet's Main College Hall bears an uncanny resemblance to the Old Naval Hospital at 921 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, which was built in 1866, 2 years after Mr. Friedrich proposed a similar design for the main building at Gallaudet (only a third of the design was built). Mr. Friedrich died 19 September 1886 and is buried in Prospect Cemetery on North Capitol Street (also known as the German Cemetery of Washington, DC).

*Comment: Mr. Friedrich was employed at the Navy Yard as Draftsman in the Constructing Engineers Office in 1866 when the Old Naval Hospital was designed and it is similar to the design Mr. Friedrich submitted to Gallaudet in 1864.*

Contributed by Gene Larkin

***For this wonderful Anniversary Sunday bulletin, Anniversary Programming, and for the wonderful celebration, we give a big Thank You to:***

***The History Committee***

Sue Van Slyke, Chair

Gary Barbour, Gene Larkin and Mary Ann Sroufe,

***And to the Sesquicentennial Committee***

Leslie Barbour, Chair

Claudia Nadig, Sue Van Slyke, Gene Larkin, Dave Levy,

Diane Shages, Dudley Brown and Gary Barbour

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY IS TODAY!** Following Worship, we will have a History Program in the Sanctuary so please stay to enjoy these festivities. After the History Program, we'll all move downstairs to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy our Anniversary Reception, featuring a CHPC Birthday Cake. Want to know more about the 149-year history of the church? Check out [capitolhillpreschurch150.org](http://capitolhillpreschurch150.org).

**GUEST SOLOIST (AND INVITATION)** Guest soloist for our Music Meditation today is Natalie Carter from the nonprofit Lifepieces to Masterpieces (LPTM), a nonprofit arts-based youth development and education organization here in DC. They invite you to join them for "Songs in the Key of Life Pieces" on April 20th at 7 p.m. here at CHPC. All proceeds will benefit LPTM programs that nurture, encourage, and elevate African American boys so they may grow into mature men who demonstrate social responsibility and create positive change in their communities. Details on this concert are in your bulletin today.

**ANNIVERSARY OFFERING** This year, we will receive the Anniversary Offering on April 14 and 21. Our Anniversary Offering collected today and next Sunday is dedicated to improvements in the Chapel originally built in 1892.

**THE GRATEFUL HEARTS BANNER DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY** was contributed by: Dudley Brown, Martha Larkin, Dave Levy, Claudia Nadig, Emilie Sommer, Mary Ann Sroufe, and Sue Van Slyke.

**THE TRUMPET BANNER** It has become tradition at CHPC to display the banner which proclaims "The Trumpet Shall Sound" at special congregational musical events. The banner was made by Sue Van Slyke, Martha Larkin, Mary Ann Sroufe, and Diane LaVoy as a memorial and a tribute to Ed Van Slyke who sang in the CHPC choir for 40 years and was also a Deacon and Elder in the congregation.

**THE CHPC SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER GROUP** is an informal gathering for young adults which offers a chance to share in conversation and a meal at someone's home. Children and visitors are more than welcome, as this is a great opportunity to meet new people as well as to reconnect with familiar faces. The next Second Sunday Supper gathering will be held on Sunday, April 14th from 5-7 p.m. at the home of Jamie Choep. An email invitation with directions will be provided in advance of the event, so if you are not currently on the evite contact list, please be sure that Missy Boyette ([missyboyette@gmail.com](mailto:missyboyette@gmail.com)) has your contact information. Please let Missy know if you are willing to host in May, June or July!

**THE CONGREGATION BASED SHELTER PROJECT OF CAPITOL HILL GROUP MINISTRIES** Our congregation has been invited to serve homeless families in the Congregation Based Shelter Project at Emory United Methodist Church in Northwest DC on Monday evenings in July and August 2013. Emory is where the families live year round. Two volunteers will spend the night with families – sign ups on the church website begin April 18. Please contact Sally Stoecker or Brian Testa for more information. You can also learn more about the project at [www.chgm.net/programs/cbsp/](http://www.chgm.net/programs/cbsp/).

**WORSHIP MINISTRY** next meets at 7:30 p.m. this Monday, April 15.

**FINANCE MINISTRY** meets Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m.

**SESSION MEETING** is Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.

**READY FOR A BEACH (WORK) TRIP?** The Service Ministry has committed to a week-long Hurricane Sandy repair project under the auspices of the Presbyterian Disaster Relief (PDR) program July 14-20. Eleven CHPC volunteers will be staying in housing provided by the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church on the New Jersey shore. The exact nature of the work is evolving and we will be informed soon. If you are interested, please contact Sally Stoecker ([swstoecker@comcast.net](mailto:swstoecker@comcast.net)). Members and friends may also sign up – Sign up forms available online and on the welcome table at church.

**SATURDAY MORNING MINDFULNESS** CHPC and the Kagyu DC Tibetan Community on Capitol Hill are co-sponsoring a time of mindfulness instruction and practice each **Saturday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the chapel / annex**. Contact Pastor Walton for more information.

**HELP RESTORE GOD’S CREATION FOR EARTH DAY!** Join with fellow folks from CHPC and the Anacostia Watershed Society to clean up the Anacostia River from 9-noon on April 20 at the Seafarer’s Yacht Club (near Congressional Cemetery). If interested, please email Brandon Hunt ([b.l.hunt@gmail.com](mailto:b.l.hunt@gmail.com)) **by April 14** so you can be included in the group registration.

**GOT STUFF?** The CHPC “It’s History” Sidewalk Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Collection of gently used items begins on Monday, May 6 until Friday, May 10 in the Chapel/Annex. We will again have a organize-the-sale pizza party on Friday night from 6:00-9:00pm. Volunteers wanted – Sign up on the church website or using a form on the welcome table in the Fellowship Hall.

**WORSHIP AIDS IN CHPC SANCTUARY** We have two new additions to help your worship experience at CHPC. First is a **hearing assistance system** with 6 individual receivers. Next are 10 individual **seat cushions**. Both the hearing receivers and cushions will be available on a first come first serve

basis at the back of sanctuary where we also ask that they be returned after each use. To use either, ask one of the greeters in the narthex at the sanctuary entrance.

**VOLUNTEER CAPITOL HILL.** The Hill Center at the old Navy Hospital will host a volunteer fair on Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at 921 Pennsylvania Avenue SE. The event will showcase a wide variety of opportunities for volunteer service, featuring 25 non-profit organizations including Capitol Hill Group Ministry of which we are a member congregation. A live blues and swing band will perform, and refreshments will be provided. If you want to make a difference in the community, help neighbors in need, or develop new job skills, stop by the Volunteer Capitol Hill fair!

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS** Joni Bell: 2, Jennifer Gross: 2, Charles Hudman: 3, David Kaleda: 3, Christine Nord: 4, Sue Van Slyke: 5, Rod Fabrycky: 11, Diane Shages: 16, John Topping: 18, Charles Barbour: 21, Andy Walton: 22, Elizabeth Topping: 23, Dave Levy: 24, Ben Jordan: 25, James Travis: 25.

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEER STAFF

LITURGIST .....Chris Smith  
GREETERS/USHERS .....Frank Allen, Mary Anne Sroufe, and Sue Van Slyke,  
Paul Lee, Dave Levy, Sally Stoecker, and Fred Biery  
OFFERING ..... Anne Nickel and Diane Shages

## THIS WEEK @ CHPC

Sunday	4-14	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.
		Shout for Joy Gospel Sing and Breakfast	9:30 a.m.
		Worship and History Program	11:00 a.m.
		Anniversary Reception	12:15 p.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	12:30 p.m.
		Second Sunday Supper Group	5:00 p.m.
Monday	4-15	Worship Ministry Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	4-16	Finance Ministry Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	4-18	Session Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	4-20	Anacostia River Clean up with CHPC (see announcement)	9:00 a.m.
		Saturday Morning Mindfulness	10:30 a.m.
Sunday	4-21	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.
		Church School	9:45 a.m.
		Worship	11:00 a.m.
		Coffee Hour	12:15 p.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	12:30 p.m.

## THIS WEEK @ The Washington Seminar Center

4-15 to 4-18	Maple Ridge School	NY	26 participants	educational visit
4-19 to 4-21	Boy Scout Troop 300	VA	20 participants	service learning

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayer Concerns:** Ken Hammond (brother of Liz Hammond), Dot and Joe Levy (Dave Levy's parents), Sue Scott (friend and colleague of Diane Shages), Tina Whelan (Anne Nickel's sister), Terry Lewis of Washington City Church of the Brethren, Sue Van Slyke, Olga Fagan (friend of Diane Shages), Skip Dunford, Jon Nickel, Shirley Brown, Jorge Garcez-Rocha (Chantal Dalton's husband), Chantal Dalton, Joni Bell, Dariana Verdi, Bill Wheeler (Alyson's friend), Barbara Whitford (former member of CHPC), Bill Lamberton (brother of Rebecca Mann), Milton Bell, Tom Walton (Andy Walton's brother).

**CHPC Prayer Concerns** are also on the church website at <http://www.capitolhillpreschurch.org/ministries/prayerconcerns/>

## WELCOME!

We're glad you are worshipping with us this morning. Please take a moment to leave some information on the attendance register (small black folder) at the end of each pew. There are also nametags available in the pew racks. We invite you to join us for **Coffee Hour** immediately following worship, for fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall, which is located on the entry level of the building.

As an urban congregation we are blessed by the opportunity to worship with and minister to people from all walks of life. Our congregation meets the immediate needs of people who are homeless through several ministries supported by your offering dollars. If you are approached by an individual worshiper for money, please direct them to the pastor for assistance.

## CHILDREN WELCOME IN WORSHIP

Parents are encouraged to bring children to worship. We have an enclosed worship room available in the balcony for parents to stay with your children during worship. Childcare for infants through pre-school is available in the Nursery (on the entry level) from 9:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. You can use the Nursery for the entire time, or you are encouraged to bring your children with you to worship at the beginning of the service for the Time with the Younger Church, and then take them down to the Nursery to be picked up following the service. Children's Activity bags are available in the narthex.

## **CURRENT ELDERS OF SESSION**

*(noting the chair of each ministry)*

### *Class of 2013*

Ron Berger (Facilities)  
Joe Boyette (Finance)  
Anne Nickel (Worship)  
Diane Shages (Facilities)  
Sally Stoecker (Clerk of Session, Service)

### *Class of 2014*

Eleanor Fluharty (Hospitality – Congregational)  
Andy Rush (Hospitality – Community)  
Brandon Hunt (Service)  
Dave Levy (Education)  
Bob Mantel (Personnel)

## **THE CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor..... Andrew Walton  
Church Administrator..... Olivia James  
Facilities Manager .....Robert Haywood  
Washington Seminar Center Coordinator.....Doris Warrell  
Music Director.....Mikyoung Cho  
Child Care.....Brenda Abney-Hill and LeWahn Wallace

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