

Charlestown United Protestant Church

Reaching Out with God's Love, Celebrating Life in Jesus Christ.

Newsletter for Friends and Residents of the Charlestown Retirement Community **November 2026**



Thank you to our Vestry, church leaders, and the entire congregation of **Charlestown United Protestant Church** for the warm welcome and the beautiful Installation Service. I am deeply grateful for the love, preparation, and spirit of hospitality that surrounded this special day. Your prayers, encouragement, and presence made it a memorable celebration of God's faithfulness and our shared ministry together.

As we begin this new chapter, I look forward with great anticipation to all that God will do in and through our church family. Together, we will continue to grow in worship, discipleship, fellowship, and service to our community and beyond. With hope and excitement, I trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us into a year filled with renewed purpose, joyful ministry, and abundant blessings.



Pastor Daryl receives Bible and Hymnbook

Rev. Washington's Installation Service

On October 17, 2026, the Charlestown United Protestant Church (CUPC) held an Installation Service for our new pastor, Reverend Daryl Washington. This was a special Saturday service and the first ever experienced by our church.

Attendees included CUPC members, the CUPC Vestry, congregation members, Pastor Washington and his immediate and extended family, members of his previous church (Saint Mary's Baptist) and many other clergy who he has worked with throughout his career, including his own pastor from Bethlehem Baptist Church in Pennsylvania, where he was ordained.

Over 80 individuals attended in person and it was broadcast live on Charlestown's television channel 971.

The celebratory and inspirational service included music from traditional pipe organ, flute duets and piano as well as gospel music by guest musician Kenneth Epperson. It began with a Processional of Clergy.

Several guest pastors then discussed their previous experience with Rev. Washington, and how fortunate we are to have him as our new leader and the importance of diversification in the church. Rev. Dr. Marilyn Turner-Triplett anointed Rev. Washington with oil and led the group of clergies in prayer. (continued other side)

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She charged CUPC to support the work of the pastor and affirm God's call of Rev. Washington to Shepherd our church.

Deacon Vanessa Brown formally installed Reverend Washington as our new pastor. He was presented with a gift Bible and Hymnal by CUPC vestry member Roberta Poulton.

The service was followed by a reception in The Refectory, catered by Mission BBQ. The delicious meal was served by dedicated church members.



Missionary Update and Prayer Reminder

Russ and Laurie Bevan have been our missionaries in Alaska and CUPC has been supporting them since 2004 as Russ works in the prison ministry and Laurie teaches in an ESL program. Russ had been visiting, conducting Bible studies, counseling in several prisons and work camps in and around Palmer, Alaska, as well as Bible correspondence courses. Russ started in prison ministries here in Baltimore over 25 years ago. Unfortunately, last fall Russ had to return to the lower 48 for health reason related to a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease, continuing correspondence courses with the prisoners in the camps he has served and regularly corresponds with the prisoners seeking counseling. Please pray for Russ and his family as they adjust to a new lifestyle. Their daughter, Shelby is working with a Christian organization in Uzbekistan, teaching English and one of their sons is in the military.

Please pray for the family, especially Russ as he adjusts to his physical limitations with mobility.



November 11 at 11am – Veterans Day ecumenical service in chapel

November 24 at 11 am - Thanksgiving ecumenical service in chapel

November 29 – first day of Advent; Lighthouses of Prayer daily Advent devotionals on Channel 972 at 8:15 am and 11:15 pm

December 9 at 11 am- Christmas ecumenical service in chapel

December 24 at 5 pm- Christmas Eve service for CUPC

Sunday Weekly Service

9:30 am in Chapel

Chapel service is televised on Channel 971.

(Large print bulletins will be delivered to viewers prior to service upon request.)

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