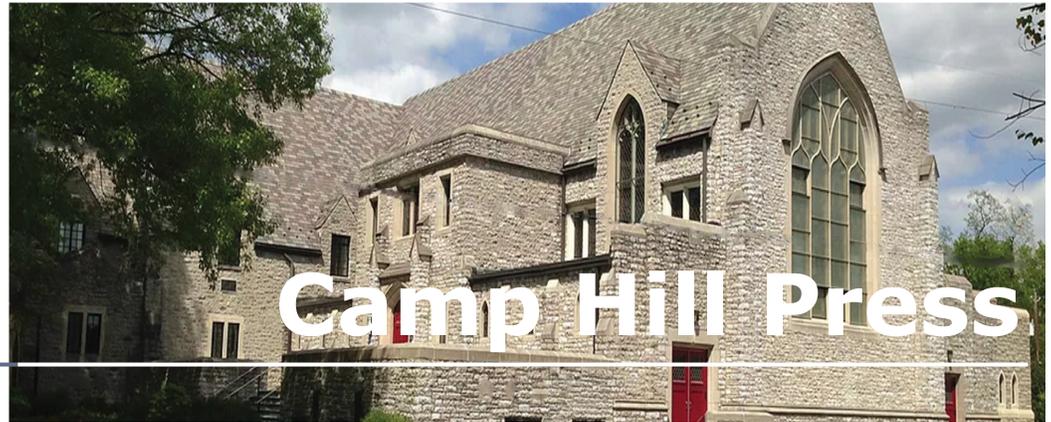


September 2022



## *Pull Over! New Program Year Begins Sept. 11*

### Inside this issue:

- *ABOUT: Choirs Begin Rehearsal Sept. 7* 3
- *ABOUT: Preschool Ready for Kickoff* 4
- *ABOUT: PW Fall Gathering Scheduled* 4
- *ABOUT: News From August Session Meeting* 5
- *ABOUT: Dorcas Circle Summer Highlight* 5
- *GIVE: Report From CHPC's Treasurer* 6
- *GIVE: Donate to PCUSA Peace Offering* 6
- *SERVE: Update on MATE Mission Trip* 7
- *C&Y: Tot Spot Welcomes Community* 7
- *C&Y: Kirk Programs Developed for Families* 8

Beloved,

I recently read behavioral science researcher Katy Milkman's book "How to Change." (Well, OK, I watched a YouTube interview that popped up while chopping vegetables, but still.) The age-old cottage industry for self-help is just as booming as when productivity guru Marcus

Aurelius took outrageous speaker fees and Sun Tzu's ghostwriter put out a bestseller on getting ahead in life.

Milkman's recent addition to the canon talks about the importance of "fresh starts." Sure, 80% of New Year's resolutions fail, but a 20% success rate is nothing to scoff at compared to any

other effort to change. Because change is hard — both changing ourselves with some deliberateness and living in a world that will change on us even quicker. And, behind it is an elusive question: What does it even look like for us, for me, to "live well"?

*Continued on Page 2...*

*Moving forward, "Camp Hill Press" will be quarterly, correlating with our worship year. Our next issue will be mailed in November.*



NEW PROGRAM YEAR BEGINS ON



# Rally Day

## Sunday Sept 11

9am Kirk Programs & Bible Study

10:30am Worship

11:30am Lawn Celebration

## ABOUT

### *New Program Year, continued from Page 1*

**"So, a new program year is beginning here! It's a fresh start. It's a chance for us to change for the better, just as everything else in this world, this cosmos, changes — we never do it alone."  
- Pastor Stuart**

Milkman offers that timing is important. If you want to change, create as many of these fresh starts for yourself as you can, knowing some will fail: at the beginning of the month, or your birthday, or during the actual New Year.

This started to sound familiar to me as a church worker, and it brought up something I've always struggled with — how we keep time. Even most drug store calendars mark Sunday, the Lord's Day, as the first day of the week. But we all know Monday is the "real" first day of the work week. The season of Advent in December is the start of the Christian liturgical calendar, but the first of January is the "real" New Year. And now, we're at the beginning of the "school year." Then, on Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 11, the church begins a new "program year."

The church doesn't get to determine when the real beginning is. That isn't what makes us special, after all. We care more about the end — the ultimate end of our lives. So, we take advantage of every fresh start we can get, Rally Day just being one of them.

But, if you're a bit obsessive like me, this can undermine

the poetry of the thing. And, at the end of the day, maybe our daily lives don't really carry the poetry that we feel they're supposed to. With all that struggle and effort and failure, the poetry often comes after the fact, based on what happened or what actually works.

Rarely are church programs about self-improvement in the regular sense. I can't promise that receiving communion will make you better at your day job, or that hearing me preach will make you measurably happier. (I know, I'm still getting over that one.) But, behind it all, there's a trust that comes from following Jesus Christ: It's that the end of living well is living well together.

It doesn't always work, but when it does, there's grace and beauty and even poetry. A week started with worship and punctuated with efforts to pray and learn how to be a disciple and care for friends and serve marginalized people: that sets our lives in a drama. It's an epic poetic drama bigger than you as an individual, or even us as a congregation. This is some cosmic poetry. So, a new program year is beginning here! It's a fresh start. It's a chance for us to

change for the better, just as everything else in this world, this cosmos, changes — we never do it alone.

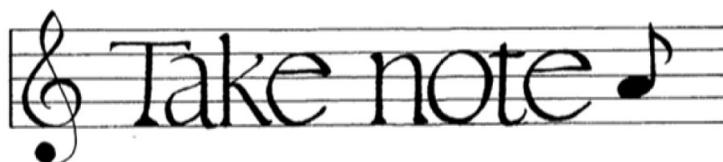
And this change just isn't complete without you. It isn't the same old, same old. It's a faith that grows with you. Here, there's beauty and grace and poetry for you. To remind us of that, there are kids running around, and bins filling up with collections to serve those most in need, and songs echoing into the hallway at all hours of the day.

What especially excites me about this fall: our Kirk Families and youth programs kick off; a new book study focuses on Laura Winner's "The Danger of Christian Practice"; a worship series on the Book of Acts starts; and, after worship on Sunday, Sept. 18, an informational session about serving with refugee resettlement efforts will be held.

Nancy and I can't wait to see you there!

*Yours in Christ,  
Stuart*

**ABOUT**



**HANDBELL REHEARSALS  
BEGINNING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7, 6 P.M.  
IN THE MUSIC ROOM  
MUSIC-READING ABILITY HELPFUL,  
BUT NOT REQUIRED!**



**CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS  
BEGINNING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7, 7 P.M.  
IN THE MUSIC ROOM  
MUSIC-READING ABILITY HELPFUL,  
BUT NOT REQUIRED!**



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
COMING IN OCTOBER!  
LOOK FOR DETAILS IN THE COMING  
WEEKS!**



## ABOUT



### *Preschool Corner: Kicking Off New School Year*

We finished August with two sessions of Camp Crayon and our last summer playgroup of the year. We are now counting down to the first day of school!

Over the summer, we've had a few "mini" updates made throughout the Kathy Kuhn Education Wing. Room 11 received new tables, while rooms 2, 3, 10, and 11 received new chairs. Classrooms 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, as well as the new meeting room (former library), will be getting new cellular shades in the next few weeks. Our hope is to replace the other window treatments in the rest of the rooms next year.

We will be offering 10 classes for the 2022-23 school year.

Our youngest class is for students turning 2 by Dec. 31, and our oldest students will be in our Future Steps 4/5s class.

We've hired three new teachers to join our staff: Wendy Gallaher (NS 3s T-Th), Anita Kelsch (BT), and Lauren Kohl (BS 4s T-F). We are so blessed to have them join our team!

Teachers are busy cleaning out classrooms and getting ready to welcome our preschool families for another great year. Dates to note:

- Wednesday, Aug. 31 – Teacher in-service
- Thursday, Sept. 8 – Back-to-School Night
- Friday, Sept. 9 – Open House

- Monday, Sept. 12 – First day of school

If you want see how we are doing or follow us during the school year, consider checking out our social media pages:

- Website – [www.chpcpreschool.org](http://www.chpcpreschool.org)
- Facebook – [@theCHPCpreschool](https://www.facebook.com/theCHPCpreschool); [www.facebook.com/theCHPCpreschool](https://www.facebook.com/theCHPCpreschool)
- Instagram – [@chpcpreschool](https://www.instagram.com/chpcpreschool); [www.instagram.com/chpcpreschool](https://www.instagram.com/chpcpreschool)
- Twitter – [@CHPCPreschool](https://twitter.com/CHPCPreschool); <https://twitter.com/CHPCPreschool>

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

~Dana Tarnoci

### **Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering Sunday, Oct. 9 @ Noon Light Lunch (\$2 donation)**

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

**Join us for a presentation by Sonya Browne, executive director,  
Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties.**

*DVSCP is in desperate need of ready-made food and snacks. Bring one or more of the following items to the PW Gathering and be entered into a special gift drawing:*

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| ■ Microwaveable Complete Meals          | ■ Chicken Salad Pouches            |
| ■ Microwaveable Soups                   | ■ Nutri-Grain Bars                 |
| ■ Microwaveable Rice and Noodle Pouches | ■ Individually Bagged Trail Mix    |
| ■ Microwaveable Veggie Cups             | ■ Individually Bagged Beef Jerky   |
| ■ Microwaveable Easy Mac                | ■ Individually Bagged Pretzels     |
|   | ■ Individually Bagged Fruit Snacks |

## ABOUT

### *Session Highlights: Meeting Set to Amend Bylaws*

The CHPC Session's regular monthly meeting was held Aug. 29.

The meeting began with the Session receiving Cathy Snavely into membership at CHPC via Reaffirmation of Faith. Public reception will be held during a future service of worship.

Among the items approved by Session were:

- A recommendation from the Church Administration Ministry to approve a proposal initiated by the Rev. Stuart Seelman to create a new Intergenerational Ministry, to include a Kirk Families Team, an Adult

Discipleship Team, and a Membership and Evangelism Team. The new ministry supplants the former Christian Education and Nurture and Fellowship and Membership ministries. This reorganization will allow for greater collaboration among our groups focused on intergenerational ministry efforts.

- The call of a Special Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday, Sept. 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of amending the CHPC Bylaws. Official notice of the meeting, as well as a written copy of the

amendments proposed, will be mailed to all members of CHPC the week of Sept. 4. The proposed changes to the bylaws relate to moving the Annual Meeting of the Congregation from February to June.

- A request from the Worship and Fine Arts Ministry to access \$1,245 from the Memorial Fund for the purchase of blue paraments for the Sanctuary, to be used during the season of Advent.

*~Beth Fine,  
Clerk of Session*



### *Dorcas Circle Welcomes All Women to Meetings*

An invitation is extended to all women to join Dorcas Circle monthly on the second Thursday at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The meetings are a time for prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and light refreshments.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 8. Linda Kelley and Dawn Murray will be facilitating the Bible study this program year, with an emphasis on the theme "Sabbath."

*~Gail Mark*



*In July, Dorcas Circle members met for lunch and fellowship at Theo's Restaurant.*

## GIVE



If you have not forwarded you 2022-23 Estimate of Giving card to the CHPC office, please do so as soon as you can so we can complete our 2022-23 Stewardship Campaign. You may call or email your Estimate of Giving to Andrea at (717) 737-0488 or [aebeling@thechpc.com](mailto:aebeling@thechpc.com).

Total receipts for July 2022, the first month of our fiscal year, were \$53,543.37, and total expenses were

\$47,099.92, thus leaving us with a year-to-date excess of receipts over expenses of \$6,443.45. Thanks to everyone for maintaining your giving! We are now fully staffed, so 2022-23 is going to be a more challenging year financially.

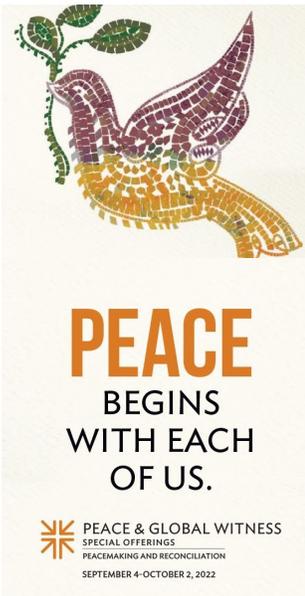
CHPC spent about \$81,564.13 on various water remediation and deferred maintenance projects during the past year, most of which was not paid for out of the

regular operating budget, but rather was financed by the Memorial Fund and the Rainy Day Fund. Gifts to these funds are always appreciated!

Have you thought about including CHPC in your will or as a partial beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k)? For more information, contact me at (717) 503-6518 or [dwatts@mwn.com](mailto:dwatts@mwn.com).

~David Watts

## Support 'Season of Peace' With Special Offering



The PCUSA's Peace and Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global siblings, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2, we will celebrate with all Presbyterians that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's

peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved, and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Starting Sunday, Sept. 11, there will be envelopes for this special offering in the pews. Through participation in the Peace and Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. A quarter of the offering stays with local congregations, and CHPC will donate our 25 percent to

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties. Another 25 percent is given to the Presbytery of Carlisle to unite congregations to support peacemaking in this region. Finally, 50 percent of this offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe through the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

As we work to share Christ's peace with one another, let's share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities, and beyond our borders.

~Staff

## SERVE

### *MATE Team Lends Hands to Those in Need*

The 2022 Mission at the Eastward trip to Farmington, Maine, took place in July. Thirty CHPC members and friends volunteered, making up four work crews that assisted families in need. Jobs included:

- Installing an accessible shower and sink for a person in a wheelchair
- Converting a garage to a bedroom space and adding a partition wall, kitchen cabinets, and counters
- Replacing missing fascia, repairing a chimney leak, and repairing water-damaged drywall
- Replacing a rotted set of entryway steps

- Replacing floor rotted from a washing machine leak and replacing washer hoses to prevent future damage

- Replacing drywall and replacing washer hoses for another leaking washing machine

- Replacing damaged vinyl siding and resetting a window

- Laying block, building the subfloor, and raising wall framing for a mobile home being replaced with a constructed home

Our team also included a kitchen crew. They did all the food shopping and prepared the team's meals.

We made some time for fun, too, including visiting local

landmarks, swimming, and playing games. Some in the group even played pickleball!

Everyone in the group served with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Pictures and a video of MATE week are now posted at [www.camphillpres.org](http://www.camphillpres.org).

If you are interested in participating in a very meaningful week of faith, service, fun, and love, mark July 15-22, 2023, on your calendar for the next MATE trip!

~Nancy Flint



## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### *CHPC Hosts Tot Spot Saturdays for Families*

As part of our mission to serve and provide outreach to the local community, the church has hosted several Saturday morning "Tot Spots" since March. This free event is open to any child ages 2 to 5 and his or her parent or guardian.

Hannah and I hope to provide local children the opportunity to explore and socialize with their peers by way of unstructured playtime. On a typical

Saturday, we welcome anywhere from eight to 10 families in the Bike Room. Since March, we have met 27 families with varying backgrounds and needs. Personally, it has been a joy getting to know the families who have attended thus far.

While many families have returned for subsequent Tot Spots, we meet a few new

*Continued on Page 8...*



## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### *Kirk Programming Revs Up for New Year*

On Sunday, Sept. 11, CHPC's program year begins with spiritual formation programs for children, youth, young adults, and families.

At 9 a.m., Kirk Kids will gather in the Little Kirk (former Youth Room, behind the Fellowship Hall stage). This spiritual formation program for children 3 to 10 years old will join the congregation in telling the story of the early

church in Acts. Adult caretakers will meet in the Gathering Place for coffee and conversation.

Our 10:30 a.m. worship resumes, along with childcare in the nursery. A room for changing and breastfeeding also is available in the Kuhn Education Wing.

At 5 p.m., middle and high school youth will regroup for a back-to-school barbecue at the Manse. This

year, youth will gather for regular Bible study and monthly social events.

Are you an adult interested in helping out? There are open spaces to support or plan these transformative intergenerational ministries. It's simple — and so much fun.

An adult caretaker or parent with questions? Reach me at [sseelman@thechpc.com](mailto:sseelman@thechpc.com).

~Pastor Stuart

### *Tot Spot Saturdays, continued from Page 7*

families every month. Some families attend and are delighted with our preschool, however most are not members of the CHPC congregation. The Bike Room and the toys are graciously provided by CHPC and the preschool, and serve to showcase to unchurched members of

our community just some of what CHPC has to offer.

If you or someone you know would like to join in the fun or would benefit from such an event, please register online and join us for Tot Spot anytime. We recently posted our fall schedule and will begin

offering Tot Spot twice each month once summer is behind us. Registration is required for each child, as we have limited attendance in order to better manage the ensuing chaos — I mean fun. Visit the "Classes" tab of [www.rootedinnaturelearning.com](http://www.rootedinnaturelearning.com) to sign up.

~Joe Harner

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church  
101 N. 23rd Street  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
(717) 737-0488  
[www.camphillpres.org](http://www.camphillpres.org)

**Pastor Nancy Conklin**  
**Associate Pastor Stuart Seelman**  
**Visitation Pastor Don Potter**  
**Music Director Jerrold Tidwell**  
**Preschool Director Dana Tarnoci**  
**Office Manager Andrea Ebeling**

#### September Dates to Remember:

- Office Closed for Labor Day — Monday, Sept. 5
- Handbell and Chancel Choirs Resume — Wednesday, Sept. 7
- Preschool Back-to-School Night — Thursday, Sept. 8
- Rally Day/New Program Year Starts — Sunday, Sept. 11
- Preschool Classes Start — Monday, Sept. 12
- Church World Service Meeting — Sunday, Sept. 18 (after worship)
- "Thriving Together" Presentation — Sunday, Sept. 25 (after worship)