



## From the Pastor's Desk

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Dear Friends,  
The other day I mentioned to the staff that, while it is still July, September is not that far away, and we need to start thinking about “kicking off” the church year with all the activities that take a bit of a break during the summer. But we’re still in summer mode, as many of you are taking vacations, spending time at the beach or a lake, or just enjoying the opportunity to have some time where you are not on the go as much as you might be during the “regular” year.

A number of years ago, when we were living in Tampa, I used to get up early and get out of the house to get exercise, either walking or jogging. I don’t do that now (I can do the walking, but jogging is something my knees don’t want me to do), but I remember always being struck by how many other people I would see walking or jogging well before 6 a.m.

I enjoyed that early morning time (now I utilize that time by reading) as it gave me an opportunity for some quiet time, time to appreciate the silence, time to observe as the darkness was going away and the light of the day was replacing the darkness. It was also an opportunity for me to think about a sermon, or think about theological issues, and it was a time to pray. And I remember wondering when all the people who were out there at the same time, but whose ears were plugged with earphones, allowed themselves time to think, to reflect, to pray.

Years ago, I read this quote by a man named Michael DeBakey, though I have no clue where I read it:

*For me, the solitude of early morning is the most precious time of day. There is a quiet serenity that disappears a few hours later with the hustle and bustle of the multitude.*

*Early morning hours symbolize for me a rebirth; the anxieties,*



*frustrations, and woes of the preceding day seem to have been washed away during the night. God has granted another day of life, another chance to do something worthwhile for humanity.*

Then there is this thought, which I read years ago and was written by a woman named Mary Jean Irion:

*Normal day, let me be aware of the treasure you are.*

*Let me learn from you, love you, savor you, bless you, before you depart.*

*Let me not pass you by in quest of some rare and perfect tomorrow.*

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## ABOUT

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*  
— Psalm 98:4

### *From the Director of Music's Desk: Choir Signup Time*

#### ■ Chancel Choir

Have you been caught singing in the shower again, driving your family up the wall? Well, why sing in the bathroom when you can sing with your church family on a weekly basis? We invite you to join the Chancel Choir, sing praise to God, and have fun!

The Chancel Choir rehearses in the fourth-floor Music Room at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 4. All are welcome to join the choir anytime during the fall or spring.

#### ■ CHPC Handbell Choir

Come join the ring-a-dings! The CHPC Handbell Choir is calling your name!

You are invited to join us at our weekly rehearsals beginning Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. in the Brainerd Room on the fourth floor.

Even if you're not completely sure that ringing is for you, you're welcome to check it out and give it a try. Singing or ringing questions? Contact Dan Dorty.

#### ■ CHPC Brass Choir

Is that old trombone sitting in your attic collecting dust? A great way to put it to use is by joining the CHPC Brass Choir!

Rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary on Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Questions? Contact Dave Getz at (717) 732-6307 or [dgetz101@hotmail.com](mailto:dgetz101@hotmail.com).

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### *Patio Resurfaced, Other Fixes Planned*

After nearly a month, the 23rd Street patio has been repaired and resurfaced with a waterproof membrane.

During the initial stages of repair, it was discovered that the structure consisted of two concrete slabs separated by an asphalt layer. As cracks were opened for repair, water trapped by the asphalt below the first concrete layer pushed upward.

It took several weeks and changes in strategies to remove as much water as possible during the rainy summer storms, repair existing cracks, repoint all mortar joints, and apply surface sealant.

The repairs improved the structure of the patio, and rooms below the patio have remained dry during storms.

#### **Upper Room Roof**

Repairs are scheduled for the roof over the Upper Room. Several slates are missing. The downspouts, drains, and gutters will be cleaned, too.

#### **Organ**

We were able to get RAM, the electric motor repair contractor, and Bruce Williamson together to determine that the primary coil in the blower motor was damaged. In all fairness, when RAM visited us the first time, the power to the

motor was off because we thought the organ console was the problem and all "non-power" tests for motor circuit continuity were OK. Not until Bruce examined the console relays and electrical circuitry to the blower motor did everything point back to it. With both parties working together, after numerous breaker resets, they were able to localize the problem. RAM dismantled the motor and will rebuild it. The process could take one to two weeks.

*Dale Meadowcroft*

## Preschool Corner: Fall Slots Available

CHPC Preschool still has openings for the 2019-2020 school year. If you or a friend know someone who

is interested in registering a child for the fall, contact me at (717) 761-6003 or email [dtarnoci@thechpc.com](mailto:dtarnoci@thechpc.com).

Or, check out our website, [www.chpcpreschool.org](http://www.chpcpreschool.org).

*Dana Tarnoci*

## Message From the Pastor, *continued from Page 1*

*Let me hold you while I may, for it will not always be so.*

*One day I shall dig my fingers into the earth, or bury my face in the pillow,*

*Or stretch myself taut, or raise my hands to the skies,*

*And want more than all the world, your return.*

We have been given the gift of time, and the opportunity to use that time not just to do things, but to sit and allow ourselves the opportunity to see and enjoy the grandeur and glory of God's creation. Use that time wisely!

And I continue to look

forward to seeing you in worship.

*Peace,  
Craig Miller*

**"... I remember wondering when all the people who were out there ... allowed themselves time to think, to reflect, to pray."**

### GIVE

## Notes From the CHPC Treasurer

■ CHPC receipts through June 30 were \$271,214.10 and expenses were \$299,509.12, with expenses exceeding receipts by \$28,295.02. Please help CHPC by bringing your contributions up to date.

■ The second-quarter statements were sent out July 12; let me know if you did not receive a statement

or if you find any discrepancies.

■ The Endowment has loaned CHPC \$100,000 to help pay for the Education Wing roof and 23rd Street porch refurbishment. Contact Bill Stout at [bnstout@aol.com](mailto:bnstout@aol.com) if you are interested in making a contribution to help CHPC repay this loan.

■ Make a tax-efficient gift by doing a charitable IRA rollover if you are 70 1/2 or older, giving appreciated stock, or using a donor-advised fund. Contact me for more information.

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### *After Successful VBS, Time for Back-to-School*

Some news is too good not to share!

At this year's Vacation Bible School, 20 adults and 17 youth helpers shared the good news about God with 47 kids between the ages of 3 and 12. The children learned that on the wild ride of life, God is good no matter how you're feeling. Throughout the week, we talked about when life can be unfair, scary, changing, sad, and good, but I'd describe "exciting" as the overall feeling of the week.

#### **Backpack Blessing**

A new school year lies just

around the corner. Along with the excitement of seeing classmates again and purchasing new school supplies, the transition back to school also can be a cause of anxiety.

Nurture Ministry invites students and teachers of all ages to bring their school bags to worship on Sunday, Aug. 18, for a "Backpack Blessing." During the service, we will pray for those returning to school and extend our support.

#### **Christmas in July**

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies or funds to

replenish the Sunday School closet!

Because youth learn best through hands-on activities such as crafts and games, illuminating the good news of the Lord requires physical supplies in addition to written curriculum. Every donation, be it pencils, paints, or pool noodles, helps our youth experience God's message in ways that feel relevant to them.

*Lindsay Gottwald*



*Vacation Bible School included Bible stories, crafts, snacks, singing, and, of course, games!*



*A great group of teen volunteers shared God's good news by serving as shepherds, music leaders, and aides to adult leaders.*

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#### CHPC August Highlights:

- "TGIF" All-Ages Event — Friday, Aug. 9, 6 p.m.
- Communion and BASS Dedication — Sunday, Aug. 11, during worship
- Backpack Blessing — Sunday, Aug. 18, during worship