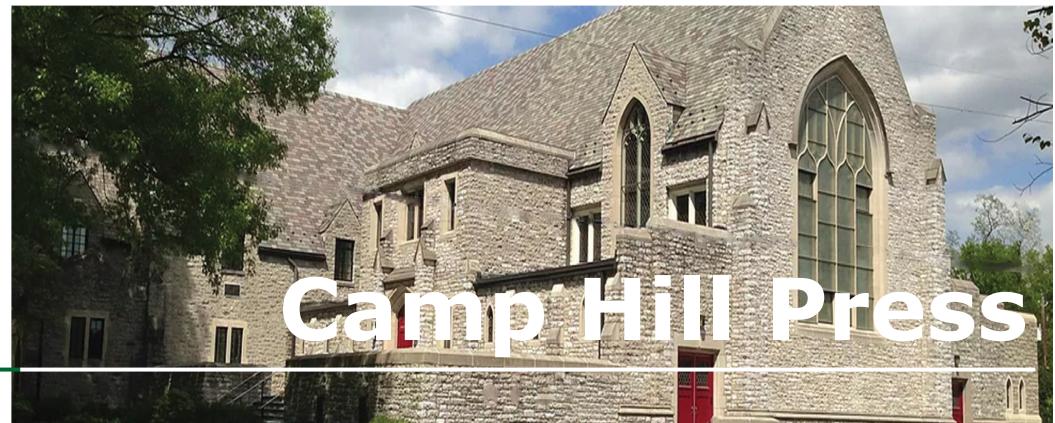


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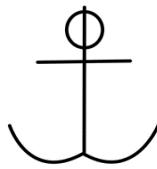
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Pastor's Note: Christ, the Anchor of Our Souls

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Dear Friends,

Did you know that the anchor, as depicted above, is one of the earliest symbols of the Christian faith? An anchor, an ancient sign of safety, became a symbol of hope. It appeared alongside the fish symbol in catacombs to identify the location for Christian worship. Not surprising for those early disciples whom Jesus called to be “fishers of men and women.” Both Peter and Paul wrote, “Christ is the unfailing hope of all who believe in him.” The author of Hebrews wrote, “We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

An anchor symbolizes hope, steadfastness, calm, and composure. Deeply buried in the ocean floor, an anchor steadies a boat in stormy seas and rough waters. In these chaotic, tumultuous times in which we are now living, our hope for the future can be found as we anchor our souls in Christ. Between the stormy waves on the surface and the ocean floor to which we are anchored, there are calm waters full of an abundance of life. Envisioning that reality, the apostles used the anchor to mark those who were baptized into the household of God. As we descend beneath the surface of our lives and descend again into the still waters of our own baptism as a Christian, we receive anew an abundance of life. Born again, into living hope, we pull up our anchor and set our sails to the prevailing winds of the Spirit that will blow wherever it wills.

The Session continues to discern the winds of the



Spirit to chart our course toward reopening the church. We moved from virtual worship to worshiping together again outdoors. As we begin to resume more public activities, please know that we will do so with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable, upon consideration of the best scientific knowledge at our disposal, in the spirit of constant prayer, and with full trust in the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of

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ABOUT

CHPC Offers Prayers for Our Neighbors

The Community Prayer Project

This summer, CHPC prays communally on behalf of our neighbors through an outreach program called “The Community Prayer Project.”

Each week, we ask people to enter prayers on a theme on the project’s webpage. Members of Prayer Fellowship include those prayers in their litany on Wednesdays. For each prayer, we tie a ribbon on the prayer tree outside the church on Walnut Street. Over the course of the summer, the prayer tree will continue to grow.

Prayer Fellowship prayed more than 200 prayers submitted through the project in July. Weekly themes included children, families, teachers and educators, and medical staff. You can participate by

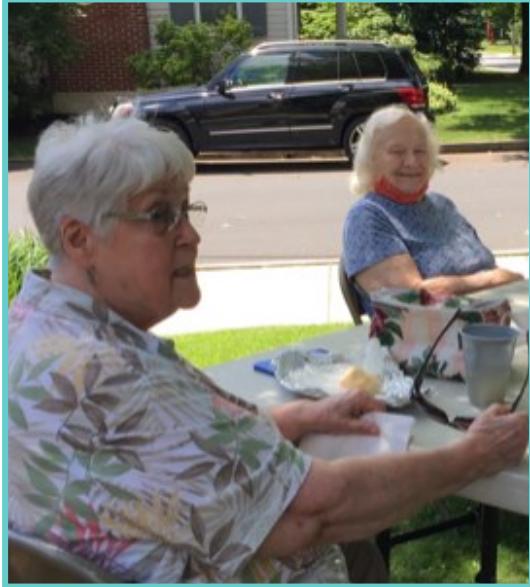
submitting prayers on the webpage, www.camphillpres.org/prayerproject. Check for updates on weekly themes on social media and in “CHPConnections.”

Lindsay Gottwald



Ribbons cover the prayer tree, which is located by CHPC's Peace Garden.

Fellowship Hosts ‘Lunch & Lemonade’ Events



Among those attending Prayer Fellowship’s June luncheon were Gwen Fourson, left, and Romaine Bentzel.

At the end of June, CHPC’s prayer warriors, the Prayer Fellowship group, gathered in a socially distanced fashion for “Lunch & Lemonade.” Members brought their own lunches and visited on the church’s front lawn. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed seeing each other in person. Strawberry shortcake, prepared by the Fellowship and Membership Ministry, was served for dessert.

The ministry would like to have other small groups join

together for “Lunch & Lemonade.” If you are part of a group (Sunday school class, women’s circle, etc.) and have missed getting together because of COVID-19, we would be happy to organize a gathering for you.

Please contact me at (717) 448-8108 or duhmacbees2000@yahoo.com so Fellowship can help get your group together for a safe, socially distanced event.

Sandy McBride

ABOUT

Meet the Millers: CHPC's Newest Members

Just prior to the pandemic, Jody and Jennifer Miller joined CHPC. You may not have had a chance to meet our newest members, who live in Camp Hill and are fairly new to the area.

Jody was born in Portville, N.Y., and Jennifer was born in Mt. Lebanon, Pa. They met at Grove City College, married, and had two sons, Patrick and Cooper. They are transferring their membership from Southminster Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. Jody is an ordained elder and Jennifer is an ordained deacon.

Jody's main hobby is cheering for Pittsburgh's professional sports teams. Jennifer enjoys gardening, caring for the couple's English mastiff, Wrangler, and spending time with family and friends.

Both said they were attracted to the warm and engaging congregation here at CHPC, and they have a keen interest in the church's Mission Outreach Ministry. We welcome the Millers to our church family!

Anne Myers



New members Jennifer and Jody Miller joined CHPC earlier this year.

Wednesday Walks Take Off From City Island

Join some of your church family for a midweek walk every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on City Island. It's a nice way to catch up with friends and those you haven't seen in a while.

We meet at the base of the steps that lead up to the baseball field and walking bridge.

Lace up those sneakers, bring your own bottle of water, and join us for a

lovely stroll along the Susquehanna River.

No need to RSVP; just come as you are able. Contact Sue Rothman or me with questions.

Sandy McBride



Wednesday walkers have been enjoying socially distanced strolls together since June.

ABOUT



Preschool Corner: Safety First Since March

As I am sure you are all aware, the preschool's last day of school was March 13. From that day on, our preschool turned to the internet and had classes at least once a week via Zoom (video conferencing calls). We also emailed newsletters to our families with daily and weekly activities that they could do at home. Our staff worked very hard to stay connected with their students through this difficult and challenging time.

We ended the year with a teacher trunk parade. All the teachers decorated the

trunks of their cars with something that represented the preschool. We had families drive through the parking lot to see their teachers and pick up end-of-the-year gifts and items that they had left behind. It was wonderful to see so many of our families.

Now, we are working on how to open up safely in the fall. We are busy researching and planning for a successful start. The preschool is getting prepped with extra handwashing stations, face masks and face shields, touchless thermometers, and cleaning

supplies. It is our hope to have an opening plan ready to share in the beginning of August. The preschool has so many eager families who want to be back at school.

We still have openings for the 2020-21 school year. If you or a friend knows someone who is interested in registering a child for the fall, please contact me at (717) 761-6003 or dtarnoci@thechpc.com. You also can check out our website at www.chpcpreschool.org.

Dana Tarnoci



Preschool teacher and CHPC member Deb Witzig, left photo, decorated her trunk with a Bike Room theme for the preschool's "Teacher Trunk Parade." Pastor Nancy Conklin wished students a great summer with "Teddy," who joins her for weekly story times during the school year.

ABOUT

Session Highlights: Action Items Approved, More

The CHPC Session met virtually via Zoom conferencing for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 27, at 7 p.m. Among the action items approved by Session were:

- A motion to continue outdoor worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. through Labor Day weekend. Virtual worship will continue to be offered during this time as well.
- By consensus, it was agreed that CHPC-based groups will be permitted to meet in the church building, in compliance with current Pennsylvania Department of Health and CDC guidelines. Session will reevaluate this policy as the pandemic situation continues to develop.
- A motion from Staff Commission and the Church Administration Ministry to approve revised CHPC Personnel Guidelines, to include language requested by our insurer.
- A motion to accept the resignation of CHPC Music Director Dan Dortsy, effective July 31, 2020.

Other items of note discussed included:

- Board of Deacons — Youth-sized masks and art supplies are among the donations requested for this year's Project BASS drive. Also, the deacons will host Sundae Sunday on Sunday, Aug. 23, after worship and will provide individually wrapped ice cream treats for all in attendance.
- Mission Outreach Ministry — Donations for the Earl Besch Project will be collected and sorted in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Aug. 9, noon to 2 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 13, throughout the day. Items will be received outside the church building with designated representatives of the ministry working in a socially distanced way in Fellowship Hall.
- Church Treasurer — David Watts reported CHPC's receipts for June 2020 were \$40,841.93 (year-to-date: \$265,972.71) with June 2020 expenses of \$45,013.08 (year-to-date: \$271,052.59). A semiannual report for the financial period ending June 30, 2020, will be provided to the congregation.
- Property and Maintenance Commission — An anonymous donor has provided a gift of 252 pieces of Corelle dinnerware to CHPC. When we are able to gather again, groups hosting events in Fellowship Hall are invited and encouraged to make use of the dinnerware and the dishwasher in the church kitchen.
- Christian Education and Nurture Ministry — Fifty children enrolled, with 25 children participating throughout the week of CHPC's Virtual Vacation Bible School in June. Thank you to VBS coordinators Monica Zazworsky and Hannah Harner, Lindsay Gottwald, and all of the volunteers who made Virtual VBS possible this summer.
- CHPC Preschool — Director Dana Tarnoci reported that she continues to work with the Christian Education and Nurture Ministry to develop a plan for reopening the preschool safely in the fall.

Beth Fine, Clerk of Session



ABOUT

"The tenets of Christianity will serve you well throughout your busy life."
— Joe and Hannah Harner

Member Profile: Harners Share God's Grace

The Harner family — Joe, Hannah, and daughters Adaline and Cora — are very active members of CHPC. They are the subjects of this month's "CHPC Member Profile."

Q: When did you join CHPC?

Joe has been a lifelong member, and officially joined the church upon confirmation in the mid-90s. Hannah joined in 2018 after the family moved to Camp Hill in 2017.

Q: What brought you to CHPC?

Joe: Short answer, my parents.

Hannah: My husband.

We were drawn CHPC, and chose to raise our family here due to the overwhelming warmth, friendship, and welcoming presence of the congregation. Our girls love Sunday worship and attending preschool here.

Q: What activities are you involved in at CHPC?

Hannah serves as a member of the preschool board and regularly volunteers for VBS each year. As a youth, Joe attended the preschool, Sunday School, VBS, Camp Krislund, and sang in the choir. He often served at Downtown Daily Bread and MATE during high school.

Currently, Joe serves on the Board of Deacons, Staff Commission, and as a greeter/welcomer. He also served on the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Pastor Conklin to CHPC.

Q: Please tell us about your family.

Adaline, 4, and Cora, 2, make us a family of four. We enjoy reading books with the kids, spending time in our backyard, and going on walks around town. Hannah was an elementary school teacher for 11 years, before putting her career on hold to stay home and raise the girls. Joe has worked at Aegis (a Harrisburg-based insurance company) since college and is currently their vice president of marketing.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

Hannah enjoys reading, baking, crafting with her Cricut, and just took up knitting. Joe enjoys visiting national landmarks, reading political biographies, admiring his completed yard work (with a quality IPA beer), and continuing his quest to discover the perfect chili recipe.

In the evenings and on the weekends, you'll find the Harners taking walks through town, playing in their backyard, reading to the kids,

and learning to cook new recipes together.

Q: What is your favorite memory of CHPC?

Hannah: The girls' baptisms and the love and guidance bestowed upon them by our clergy.

Joe: It is difficult to pick a favorite, but I'll always remember Pastor Murphy shouting about heaven and hell from the pulpit. As a child, I didn't fully understand the messages behind his sermons, but his vigor and enthusiasm for scripture always got my attention and has stuck with me. Besides that, Lenten Family Nights. PB&J sandwiches always tasted better when prepared by someone else and cut into miniature portions.

Q: Any advice to younger members?

Find out what fulfills you the most, and get involved. We are blessed to have a wide range of activities and ministries available in which we can participate and share God's grace with neighbors and friends, while making new ones. Do not be afraid to make time for "church." The tenets of Christianity will serve you well throughout your busy life.

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According to the Harners, CHPC offers them a wide range of activities and ministries in which to participate.

Music, Art & Drama Cancelled for 2020-2021

Owing to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, CHPC was unable to present the last several events of the 2019-2020 Music, Art & Drama season. We regretfully announce that, due to the ongoing implications of the pandemic, we also will be suspending the 2020-2021 MAD season, which comprises both the regular MAD performances and the Noonday Organ Recitals.

Paramount to our decision is the safety of our performers and audiences. As more and more information regarding the virus and its effects develops, it is clear our decision is the right one until such time as our performers and audiences can once again gather together safely and confidently to enjoy the presentations.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to MAD's many patrons and volunteers. We hope

Q: Favorite scripture verse?

Hannah: "Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

— Philippians 4:6

Joe: "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

— Matthew 23:12

Joe and Hannah Harner, as told to Ellen Smith

circumstances will again permit a new seasonal offering in the fall of 2021. Thank you all for supporting and celebrating the arts at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church!

Pam Mitchell



GIVE

Notes From the CHPC Treasurer

■ During this difficult time, we are asking those of you who normally place your contributions in the offering plate but are not attending the Sunday service in person to please mail your contributions to the CHPC office at 101 N. 23rd Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

Thank you!

■ If you have not forwarded your 2020-21 Estimate of Giving card to the CHPC office, please do so as soon as you can so we can complete our 2020-21 Stewardship Campaign. You may call or email your Estimate of Giving to Andrea at (717) 737-0488 or aebeling@thechpc.com.

■ We have changed our fiscal year to end on June 30 in order to match that of the

preschool, which will make for easier accounting. To accomplish this, we just completed a short Jan. 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020, fiscal year. As of June 30, we had year-to-date receipts of \$265,972.71 and expenses of \$271,052.59, with expenses exceeding receipts for the short fiscal year by \$5,079.88. Thanks to everyone for maintaining your giving.

■ Contribution statements for Jan. 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020, were mailed on July 20. If you haven't received a statement or if there are any problems with yours, contact me at dwatts@mwn.com or (717) 503-6518.

■ We spent \$137,587 on building renovations in

2019, including replacement of the Christian Education Wing roof, refurbishment of the 23rd Street porch, concrete work next to the manse, and a churchwide Wi-Fi upgrade. The Endowment has loaned CHPC \$100,000 to help pay for these costs. So far, we have raised more than \$89,000 of the \$100,000 needed to repay the Endowment, and we still need about \$11,000 to pay off the loan. If you are interested in making a contribution to help CHPC repay the Endowment loan, you can mail a check to the CHPC office. Thank you for your generosity!

David Watts, Treasurer

Deacons Collecting Back-to-School Supplies



It's time to think about back-to-school! This year, returning to school is going to look different, so the 2020 BASS (Backpacks and School Supplies) Project is changing, too. The deacons will not be collecting backpacks — the greatest need this year is masks!

Additionally, the deacons will be creating "art supply" packs with donations, which will be given to families in

the event of another school closure.

All supplies will be donated to the Steelton-Highspire School District. Needed items are:

- Masks (disposable and cloth)
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks and glue
- Pencils
- Erasers

- Children's scissors
- Mini sharpeners
- Pencil boxes

Donations can be dropped off weekdays through Monday, Aug. 24, in the gray box outside the church office door.

Donations also will be accepted during Sunday morning outdoor services.

Thank you!

Liz Skolnicki

SERVE

New Committee Seeks to Serve Congregation

As a newly formed church committee, the Board of Deacons' Congregational Outreach Committee has been actively working to reach out to our congregants as we try to maneuver our way through COVID-19. We want to be in touch with those in need! Limited church access also has limited our supply of Casserole Ministry meals. That being said, if anyone is

in need of meals, we will provide them on an as-needed basis.

We try to remember our church members with cards and well wishes throughout these times, and do our best to celebrate special moments with them.

Recently, we celebrated both our high school and college graduates with a book, "God, I Have Issues,"

and chocolate chip cookies. Such a nice remembrance!

As you are reading this newsletter, if you are aware of a homebound member who has not been contacted recently by the church, please call or email the office so he or she can be added to our homebound mailing list.

Pam Gale

"For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."

— *1 John 3:11*

CARE

A Farewell From Associate Pastor Anne Myers

Dear Members and Friends of CHPC,

It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to you as I retire after 40 years of ordained ministry. I will miss seeing and hearing from this community of believers.

At the same time, I am also joyful. My heart overflows with joy because I was able to conclude my years of ministry with you. You welcomed me with open arms and made me feel like I had a place in your hearts. I grew spiritually at CHPC, because of your love for Jesus, and I pray that my

love for Jesus was made visible to you as well. I ask for blessings on you, your homes, and your hearts.

I thank you for the gifts, the cards and notes, the phone calls, and the financial largess that you have sent my way in recent weeks. I value each and every expression of thanks.

To say the least, this has been a year like no other. COVID-19 has taken a toll on all of us. My prayer for you as a church is that you will continue to be expansive in your ministry as you figure out how to do church in new ways.

Lord, I pray for the ongoing blessing of the Holy Spirit on this community of believers, the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church. Give CHPC prayerful discernment as it navigates the challenges ahead. Give CHPC the boldness to take new steps in faith and also the humility to remember that she is just one part of the body of Christ.

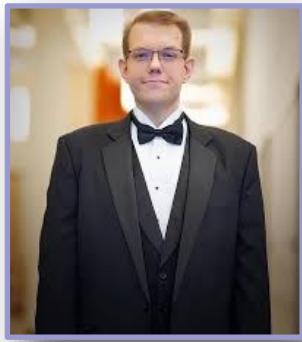
The Lord be with you.
Amen.

*Grace and peace,
Anne Myers*



CARE

Music Director Offers Love and Prayers'



Dan Dortsy, CHPC's director of music and organist, recently resigned. In his letter to Session, he offered this farewell to the congregation:

I would like to wish the choirs and members of the congregation well in their shared future ministry and service to Almighty God.

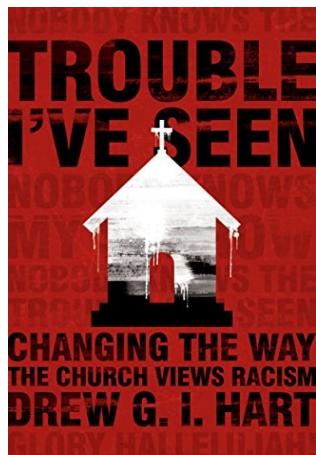
Sharing in weekly Sunday morning worship with the Chancel and Handbell choirs has been an honor and a blessing. Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday morning worship were the highlights of my week. My love and prayers will always be with each

member of the music ministry of this church. Thank you for all of your hard work, dedication, friendship, and love. God's richest blessings to the members of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church.

In Christ's Love, Light, and Service,
Daniel L. Dortsy

LEARN

Talking About Racism: Book Study Scheduled



In these difficult and unusual times, the Christian Education and Nurture Ministry has begun to explore options for continued education and discussions which will assist us in spiritual and personal growth. Lindsay Gottwald has outlined opportunities for our children and youth. Our adult Sunday School leaders are working to find ways to gather both in person and virtually.

Under the guidance of the Rev. Nancy Conklin, we will begin to explore topics that are relevant to our times. On Sunday, Sept. 20, Pastor Nancy will present a session on how we begin to have conversations as a congregation about tough topics and how they relate

to us as a congregation and as Christians. Following this presentation, Abby Tierney will lead a weekly study on the book "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism" by Drew Hart. This book discussion will begin Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

The following is a synopsis of this book:

What if racial reconciliation doesn't look like what you expected? The high-profile killings of young black men and women by white police officers, and the protests and violence that ensued, have convinced many white Christians to reexamine their intuitions when it comes to race and justice.

In this provocative book, theologian and blogger Drew G.

Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, antiblack stereotypes, poverty, and everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice.

What if all Christians listened to the stories of those on the racialized margins? How might the church be changed by the trouble we've seen?

The book is available from Amazon and other booksellers. Contact Lindsay if you need assistance purchasing a book.

Details about how to participate will be shared via the weekly "CHPConnections" email.

We hope you will join us.

Cindy Harbert

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Vacation Bible School Forms Digital Disciples

With safety concerns looming, Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School required flexibility, ingenuity, and precaution. From June 22-26, our participants learned to be digital disciples every morning from 9 to 11:30 a.m. from their homes. CHPC's team, lead by Hannah Harner and Monica Zazworsky,

engaged about 22 kids daily through live Zoom meetings and pre-recorded YouTube videos. Materials for the train-themed program were distributed through a socially distanced, drive-thru pick up process. Children who participated made new friends and learned through Bible stories, song, dance,

snacks, crafts, science, and games that Jesus pulls us through, no matter what.

Thank you to everyone who participated as a leader or participant for making this a very memorable and successful year at CHPC Vacation Bible School!

Lindsay Gottwald



From top, clockwise: Using Zoom, VBS participants were able to interact with (top row) volunteer leader Zsanna Smith, VBS co-director Monica Zazvorsky, and Youth and C.E. director Lindsay Gottwald; Cora and Adaline Harner dance along while watching VBS from their home; "Imagination Station" leaders Nate Ebeling and Ellie Goodwin (with helper Stella La Torre) created YouTube activity videos for the Rocky Railway gang.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Worshiping, Meeting in New Ways



This summer, families with children engaged in a new worship experience called “The Gospel According to Pixar” at 10:30 a.m. Sundays via Zoom. This interactive service lasts 20 to 30 minutes and includes a scripture reading paired with a Pixar short, children’s message, and familiar songs. Participants especially enjoy finding a relevant object to share during the children’s message and singing “Jesus

Loves Me” accompanied by my ukulele playing!

Middle school and high school youth continue to meet virtually every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for a “Zoom Youth” check-in to support one another. In July, the group added “Lemonade and Learn,” a 30 minute mini-lesson on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Currently, the cohort is working through “Responding to Racism,” a curriculum focusing on the

difference between prejudice and systemic racism. Class resources can be found in family resources e-news for continued discussion at home.

Nurture hopes to build on these programs in the fall. To receive Zoom invitations and passcodes for these programs, check family resources e-news or email lgottwald@thechpc.com.

Lindsay Gottwald

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God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. There have surely been awkward moments as we adjust to new protocols and practices. There have been moments of frustration, disappointment, and grief. But there also have been hidden blessings and opportunities to see a glimpse of the new things God is doing among us

and through us in the life of our world.

Creativity has been the order of the day. On the pages of this newsletter, you will see the many ways we as a church family have fully engaged this monumental moment in the life of the church.

My prayer, as you read, is that you will celebrate with me the way that God is at work in and through us.

Second, prayerfully consider how the Spirit may be calling to you, to pull up anchor and set sail with us to wherever and whatever is next for CHPC. Let all of us remain anchored in our hope in Christ during the challenges of this time. Let us be guided by the Word, responsive to the Spirit, and open to the grace of God.

Yours for the journey!

Nancy

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CHPC August Highlights:

- Communion (Outdoor and Online) — Sunday, Aug. 9, 9 and 9:30 a.m.
- Board of Deacons Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m.
- “Sundae Sunday” — Sunday, Aug. 23, following Outdoor Service
- Session Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m.