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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

One of the interesting dynamics in many churches is that people seem to think the church year ends with Easter. We had a wonderful series of services this year on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. But we continue in ministry and mission on a year-round basis.

True, there are not as many activities and events scheduled for May through August as in other parts of the year, and certainly not as many as we had during Lent. There is a part of me that really appreciates that! We do need to remember that Jesus was with the disciples for 40 days after his resurrection, and then 50 days after his resurrection was the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and sent them forth into ministry in the larger world. Prior to Pentecost they were pretty much secluded, keeping to themselves, in part, because of the fear of what might happen to them if they were to go out preaching about Jesus. I think that time was also a time of learning, of Jesus explaining to them many of the things that took place in his ministry that the disciples hadn't understood at the time.

So I encourage you to continue to be involved in the life and ministry and mission of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church. Yes, there is still transition taking place, and there will still be

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

May 1 Pre-School Art Show
6-8 pm

May 5 Essence of Joy Alumni
4 pm

May 12 Youth Sunday
Mothers' Day

May 20 Session Meeting 7:30

May 26 **Worship begins at 9:30**

May 27 Memorial Day

further transition at some point in the future as the Pastor Nominating Committee works diligently to seek the next installed pastor for the church. But the mission and ministry are still vital in the church, and we are looking forward to developing those ministries as we seek to reach beyond ourselves to serve the community where we live. As we move into this time when we continue to learn what it means to be an Easter people, I ask you to reflect on this statement that I just read in a book called "The Agile Church," by Dwight Zscheile: "When neighbors observe that the church is dedicated to the neighborhood's vitality, not just its own, that becomes an integral dimension of witness."

I look forward to continuing this ministry at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, and to seeing you in worship.

Peace, Craig Miller

About

Rev. Myrtle McCall's Retirement Celebration on June 2nd

We have been blessed to have Myrtle as a pastor in our midst since September of 2016. As a mentee of our former longtime pastor, Bill Murphey, (one of "Murph's Boys"), Myrtle has been near and dear to our congregation for many years.

During her tenure at CHPC, Myrtle has preached, paid visits to our members, lead her beloved weekly Prayer Fellowship group, baptized children, provided comfort to the sick and dying, officiated funerals, supported the Deacons, provided Bible study at our Women's Retreat and much more. Myrtle has been involved in the ministry of our Lord since she was ordained on December 11, 1983. What a ministry it has been!

We are planning a gathering and meal immediately following church on Sunday, June 2nd to celebrate Myrtle's nearly 36 years in ministry. Please mark your calendars now and RSVP that you plan to join in our celebration by signing the notebook in the Gathering Space, by calling (717) 737-0488 or emailing (aebeling@thechpc.com) the church office or by responding via a link provided in our CHPC Connection weekly e-mail or Camp Hill Press monthly newsletter. Since a portion of the meal will be catered, RSVPs are very important and requested no later than Wednesday, May 22nd.

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We will be collecting a monetary “love gift” for Myrtle. Please place all gifts in the offering plate or drop them at the church office clearly indicating “Myrtle’s retirement” in the memo section of your check made payable to “CHPC.” Donations will be accepted through May 22nd.

**CHPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SPRING GATHERING—FIESTA
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019
at 12:00 Noon (immediately after worship)**

Come join the Presbyterian Women for an early afternoon gathering! This includes lunch, fun, fellowship, and Sally Sulcove speaking on “Journaling the Bible”.

Election and installation of officers too.

All for a \$2.00 Donation!!!

Please see Pam Thompson or Gail Mark for tickets for a fun event you don’t want to miss!!

If your high school or college student graduates this year, let us know so we can recognize their achievements. Leave a photo and a paragraph about their future plans in Lindsay Gottwald’s mailbox, or email her at lgottwald@thechpc.com.



Thank You



I would like to thank all the people who helped with the noontime organ recital lunches this past season, including all who helped with set up, serving and clean up. Special thanks to all who baked desserts.

I appreciate each and every one of you. We had a great year. *Sincerely,
Gwen Fourson*

Ecumenical Food Pantry

A big thank you to Coleen Watson and all of the children from our pre school. In March they held a food drive for the food pantry, and 18 bags of non-perishable food have been delivered to the food pantry, making many folks very happy. Way to go!!!!

We Have WiFi

CHPC takes another step into the digital age. During the last weeks of April, Korporate Computing of Camp Hill professionally installed a churchwide WiFi network. There are two networks: CHPC-Secure, which is password protected and available only to church and preschool staff and CHPC-Guest, which is an open network available to all.

The new network replaces the existing one which only covered fellowship hall and the gathering space.

Preschool Corner



Spring is in the air! A huge thank you for all of you who have placed an order for flowers to support the Preschool fundraiser. It is much appreciated. So many things are going on in the Preschool this month. We should have our annual butterfly release in a couple days, and we will have our second Art Show. The response to last year's event was so positive, we are doing it again. It will be Wednesday, May 1 from 6:00-8:00 pm. The art will be kept on display for church members to enjoy on Sunday, May 5.

Care

Office Seeking Updated Directory Information

We're currently updating our CHPC Member Directory. If your address, phone number, or email has changed since the last update in October 2017, please contact Andrea Ebeling at aebeling@thechpc.com or (717) 737-0488.

Thank You

It is with great love I thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy extended upon Tucker's passing. The phone calls, gifts of food, flowers, cards, and offers of help from the members of the congregation Tucker considered his 'home' church were greatly appreciated and meant so much. I am so grateful to have you all as part of my 'family'. Thank you so much for your kindness and love. ~ Pam Thompson



Serve

Presbyterian Women

- **Prayer Fellowship**, meeting at 9:30AM every Wednesday in the Reception Room, is led by the Reverend Myrtle McCall. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- **Second Saturday** meets the second Saturday of every month at the Silver Spring Diner. All women of CHPC are invited for breakfast (each paying for her own) and fellowship. New participants are always welcome.
- **Quilters and Crafters** meets every Monday from 1:00 - 3:00PM in the Quilting Room off Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome.
- **The Dorcas Circle** meets on the second Thursday of each month, September through May, at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Chaired by Gail Mark, Linda Kelley facilitates the Bible Study.
- **Personal Care Items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry** are collected year-round, with members of PW making delivery monthly.
- **Blankets for the Homeless** are collected year-round and given to Downtown Daily Bread for their Emergency Shelter open September through March.
- **The Community Aid Collection Box** in the church parking lot provides a place to donate unwanted clothing, with PW receiving funds per pound.

Birthday Offering

God has been faithful to us, and we are called to faithfully respond. When we listen to others' stories, pray for their needs, and give generously, we follow the example of our Creator who is, in the words of "A Brief Statement of Faith," "like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home."

Since 1922, the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering has helped to fund mission projects that improve others' lives. The recipients this year include Disaster Response in North Carolina, Child Development Center in Illinois, Presbyterian Homes of Kentucky Inc., and Wings of Refuge in Iowa.

The giving envelopes for this birthday offering will be available in the church pews from April 15 through May 15. The gold envelopes also are included in your box of offering envelopes.

Thank you for giving faithfully.



Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

With Vacation Bible School just around the corner, it's time to start recruiting volunteers! VBS will be held July 8th through 12th with a volunteer day lasting from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. This year's theme is "Roar! Life is wild, God is good." We will need approximately **thirty volunteers** to make the week successful for both children and volunteers.

We hope you'll considering taking part in this fun and meaningful week. There are several ways to participate, including:

- Group Shepherd
- Helping with activities such as games, crafts, music or Bible story
- Preparing snacks
- Youth Activity Coordination in afternoons
- Check in & Registration from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
- Decorating Committee
- Donation of materials/supplies

Prospective volunteers can indicate their interests by filling out a volunteer survey available in the Gathering Space and outside the office and returning it to the VBS mailbox or by contacting Director of Youth & Christian Education Lindsay Gottwald directly at (717) 737-0488. lgottwald@thechpc.com.

Fellowship

Coffee continues to be set up for those attending Sunday School and remains for fellowship time from 10-10:30. We have been keeping the fellowship items available before worship as well for those that wish to gather in the Gathering Place after worship. Some weeks, quite a few people come down. We will continue to keep it available.

We need people to help with fellowship refresh and clean up. If you are someone who enjoys a cup of coffee while at church, please consider helping out. Let Sandy McBride know of your willingness to serve.



Learn

Exegesis

The Exegesis class has been studying the Gospel of Mark this year. We read a group of verses, learn about the context of what was said or happened, discuss its meaning to us and our lives, and then move to the next group of verses. Each Sunday we pick up where we left off the week before. Some weeks we cover an entire chapter and other weeks only a few verses. You might think that you would have to have been with us from Mark 1:1 in order to participate and benefit from the class, but that is not the case. Each lesson stands on its own in many ways, just as a sermon based on selected verses from the Bible stands on its own.

The Exegesis Class was formed over twenty years ago by a group of members that wanted to learn more about the Bible. The name Exegesis was selected to describe what we wanted during the Sunday School hour – a detailed explanation of the text of the Bible. Rev. Anne Ross, before leaving to pursue a career in ministry, was our initial facilitator. Bill Stout currently facilitates the class.

As of this writing, we have arrived at the final week in the life of Jesus. There is much to be learned from these final chapters of Mark's Gospel. Please join us as we learn and share and help us select a book from the Bible for study during the 2019-2020 Sunday School year.

To interpret the Bible correctly is to humbly seek the Lord and listen to what the Holy Spirit Himself has breathed into the text—to find what the text itself is saying, and then draw the meaning *out of* the passage. (This is called *exegesis*—*Ex* is a Greek preposition meaning “out of.”)

Give

Highmark Walk



The 2019 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community Harrisburg will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Harrisburg Area Community College. Members of our Mission Outreach Committee will be joining the Walk to raise money for one of our

mission projects, Christian Churches United.

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If you would like to join us, the Walk begins at 9:00 am at the HACC Campus. HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is located at 1 HACC Drive in Harrisburg, Pa. just off of Cameron Street.



If you can not join us in walking, perhaps you could sponsor a walker by pledging money for every mile walked or by making a donation to Christian Churches United at the Highmark Walk website, <https://www.walkforahealthycommunity.org>

MATE Stock Now on Sale



Mission at the Eastward was created to help those in need to stay in their homes. Volunteers perform repairs that families could not otherwise afford to do. Our CHPC volunteer teams are called out of their everyday lives to serve our neighbors in Maine.

Your financial support is very important. Funding is necessary to purchase building materials such as siding, roofing supplies, and lumber. Financial support also is needed to help with lodging, meals, and transportation for the participating work teams. Last year, more than 10 families were assisted with home repairs during our one week in Maine. Please consider making a contribution to MATE 2019.

Your generous financial support through MATE stock sales and sponsorship totaled just more than \$12,000 in 2018. Thank you! Let's see if we can surpass that amount this year. You can purchase MATE stock every Sunday in the Gathering Place or weekdays in the church office. Please help support this important CHPC mission.