



Camp Hill Press

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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

There are two events taking place in November that we tend to think are really different, and really have nothing to do with one another, but in truth they are very much connected.

November 4 is our Stewardship Dedication Sunday, when we will receive your Estimates of Giving during the worship service. These “pledge cards” give indication of how you intend to support the work of the church through your financial gifts. Stewardship is often thought of as “fund-raising” or “make the budget,” but it is really about how we are taking care of what God has entrusted to us. Remember in the Genesis passage about the creation of Adam (the Hebrew word means “man”) he was put in the garden to “till it and keep it” – to be a steward of the garden. But it wasn’t Adam’s garden; it was God’s garden. Adam, before he had his helper, Eve (the word means “life”) was to take care of God’s gift. So our stewardship is not so much about budgets as it is about being faithful in caring for what God has given to us, to till it and keep it.

The second event in November is Thanksgiving Day. For many, Thanksgiving Day has evolved into “Turkey Day.” Advertisers seem to think that it is a day to watch football games and to prepare to go out later in the day and fight the crowds as you search for great bargains at stores on “Black Friday,” which is really “Black Thursday Night and Black Friday.” Why don’t the stores allow their employees to enjoy Thanksgiving Day with their families? But enough of that soap-box. What needs to be said is that we should, at some point in the day, make time to simply be thankful to God for what God has given to us, especially the gift of love and grace and hope in Jesus Christ.

And that spirit of thanksgiving for what God has given to us is really why we give of ourselves and what we have to the work of the church. Not to meet a budget. Not to do our part in the fund-raising effort. But because of the gift of God’s amazing grace that has been lavished on us. Stewardship is really about thanksgiving.

So as you think about your estimate of giving, as you think about your pledge for 2019, I ask you this: what is the gift of new life in Jesus Christ worth to you? As you think about “God so loved the world that God gave his only Son,” what kind of response does that call you to give?

I look forward to this part of the journey with you.

Peace,

Craig Miller

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Nov. 4 Communion
Stewardship Dedication
Congregational Mission
Study Gathering
- Nov. 7 Congregational Mission
Study Gathering 10:30
Noonday Recital
11:45 Lunch
12:15 Recital
- Nov. 8 Congregational Mission
Study Gathering 7 pm
- Nov. 11 PW leads worship
- Nov. 18 “Irish Blessing” in
Concert 4 pm
- Nov. 22 Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 26 Session 7:30

Mission Study Update



The Mission Study Team is wrapping up data collection and soon will be drafting the CHPC Mission Study. This document, a summary of information about our church and the greater community, will be an important tool for our Pastor Nominating Committee as it searches for CHPC’s next installed Pastor.

Your input is invaluable—thank you to everyone who has participated in the process to date by completing the Mission Study Survey and by getting involved with the Mission Study Gatherings. It’s not too late for your voice to be heard! The final round of Mission Study Gatherings will be held on Sunday, November 4 at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday,

November 7 at 10:30 a.m., and Thursday, November 8 at 7 p.m. The Sunday and Thursday Gatherings will be held in Fellowship Hall, with the Wednesday Gathering to be held in the Reception Room.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments as we discuss the qualities we are seeking in our next Pastor. Sign up for your preferred session in the Gathering Place.

After the final round of Mission Study Gatherings, the Mission Study Team will hunker down and write our Mission Study which, after it is finalized and approved by Session, will be shared with the Congregation. The document will be reviewed by Carlisle Presbytery's Commission on Ministry when CHPC requests permission to form a PNC. If all goes to plan, this will happen in early December, with election of our PNC shortly thereafter.

Many thanks for your support of the Mission Study Team during this important process in the life of the church!

Session Highlights

New Members Received: The Session welcomed new members into the CHPC congregation at a special Session meeting held October 7, 2018. Andrea Ebeling and her son, Nate Ebeling; Donna Miller; and John and Laura Robinson were publicly received by the congregation during worship on October 14, 2018.

Staff Commission: The Session approved a request to hire Lindsay Gottwald as CHPC's Director of Youth and Christian Education, start date to be determined.

Property and Maintenance Commission: Current projects include installing new preschool playground equipment, sealing the church's front porch to remediate water issues in the West side of the building and addressing heating issues in the Pastor's Study.

Church Treasurer: Contributions for September were \$35,532.82, compared to our \$42,916.67 monthly target. With year to date contributions as of 9/30/18 at \$326,976.17 and our target for 9/30/18 being \$386,250.00, we have a year to date deficiency in contributions of \$59,273.83. For comparison purposes, contributions were \$378,717.88 for the period ending 9/30/17. Our expenses for September were \$43,284.21, with year-to-date expenses totaling \$414,137.66. With year to date total receipts at \$388,929.21 and year to date expenses at \$414,137.66, expenses have exceeded receipts year-to-date by \$25,208.45. The continuing deficiency in contributions is concerning, so please make every effort to bring your contribution commitment up to date. Thank you!



There are several issues with the recently distributed contribution statements, including some incorrect numbers and a failure to state the total amount of the annual commitment. We are working with Power Church, who prepares the contribution statements, to resolve these issues. Contact David Watts with any questions. dwatts@mwn.com or (717)237-5344

Mission Study Team: The final round of congregational gatherings will be held Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., and Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. Qualities of our next Pastor will be the focus of the discussion. After the final round of meetings, the Mission Study Team will draft the Mission Study for Session approval and distribution to the congregation.

Stewardship Commission: Commitment Sunday will be held during worship on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

Presbyterian Women: The annual PW Thank Offering is underway, with offering envelopes available in the pews through November 18, 2018. November 11, 2018 has been designated as Thank Offering Sunday, with worship to be led by the women of the church and the Reverend Anne Ross preaching.

PW is requesting donations of pumpkin (and other) baked pies to be delivered to Downtown Daily Bread for Thanksgiving. A sign up sheet will be available in the Gathering Place, with pies to be dropped off in the church kitchen by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

Worship and Fine Arts: The Session approved a request to omit worship and communion on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 7 p.m. (Thanksgiving Eve) from the CHPC schedule of worship services.

Church Administration Ministry: The Session approved a request to invite the congregation to participate in an optional opportunity to give a monetary gift to all staff members that have been employed at the church for a full year during Advent.

Learn



Kathryn Flint McIlvaine

To Lead Class On Sunday, November 4

This fall the Women's Bible Study Class studying *The Hymnbook of the People of God: A Study of Selected Psalms* which was written by a daughter of Camp Hill Church, Kathryn Flint McIlvaine. Katy recently completed her Masters of Biblical Studies degree at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) in Charlotte, NC, and especially enjoyed her studies of Hebrew and Old Testament.

Katy and her husband Greg live in Charlotte, NC where she is currently employed as an Admissions Counselor for RTS, and as a contributing editor for Crossway Publishing.

Katy will be teaching from her study here at CHPC on Sunday, November 4, 2018 during the 9 AM Sunday School Hour. The Women's Bible Study Class cordially invites all interested CHPC members and friends (women AND men) to join us in the back half of Fellowship Hall for this class.

Weekday Worship Services

Please note that, upon Consent of Session on October 22, 2018, the Thanksgiving Eve service previously scheduled for Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at 7 PM will not be held this year. We encourage any who wish to worship that day to attend other such services in the area. As a point of information, one local church announcing a Thanksgiving Eve service (7 PM) is Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Camp Hill.



Please also note that a special mid-week Healing and Wholeness service (with Communion by Intinction) is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 7 PM. All are invited to attend.

Serve

Director of Youth and Christian Education



On November 1st, we welcome our new Director of Youth and Christian Education, Lindsay Gottwald. Lindsey will be working with our youth to administer, develop and implement youth ministry programs, and she will be working with the Nurture Ministry to support adult Christian education.

Lindsay graduated magna cum laude from American University and received her Masters' degree in Educational Leadership from George Washington University. While living in Washington, DC, Lindsay worked at the International Spy Museum, the Discovery Creek Children's Museum and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Lindsey worked in education in Chicago for 10 years before returning to Central Pennsylvania. She is a Substitute Teacher at Saint Stephen's Episcopal School and one of the creators of Saint Stephen's Riverfront Gallery, an on-site art gallery. Lindsay is also owner of Storyline Media.

The search committee was particularly impressed with Lindsay's creativity, compassion and ability to create experiential learning environments for all types of students. She shared some wonderful ideas for future Christian education activities. Lindsay is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Please introduce yourself and consider finding a way to support Lindsay and our youth as she gets settled into her work.

Special thanks to search committee members Abby Tierney, Cindy Harbert, Kacey Wiedt, Mary Swartz, Laura Zulli and Zsanna Smith for a job well done!

Staff Commission Thank You!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who work in the church on a regular basis as well as to those individuals who have stepped up recently as staff have been on vacation or ill. Your dedication and flexibility are greatly appreciated! Thank you for sharing your gifts with our church family, sometimes on very short notice. God bless each of you!

Connect

Email My Press



Every issue of Camp Hill Press is currently being mailed to every member of the congregation. If you would like to get your copy directly through email (and maybe share it with other friends) it would reduce the office workload and mailing expenses. If you want your copy through email please send a request to dale.meadowcroft@verizon.net

Supper Clubs

The response to our Supper Clubs has been wonderful! The Supper Clubs are comprised of members who sign up to be part of a short term, small group that meets for dinner once a month. It is up to the small group as to where and when they meet. We had over 30 people participate in the Spring Supper Club and over 40 people in the Summer Supper Club. The next groups will be



starting up in February. The months for the meetings will be February, March and April. Please watch for announcements in the bulletin and plan on joining in this terrific opportunity to get to know more members of our church family.

New Members of our Family

We have some new faces among us! Please introduce yourself and get to know these wonderful people!

Andrea Ebeling and son Nate

They have moved here from Indiana, PA and live in Camp Hill. Nate attends Camp Hill High School.



Donna Miller

Donna is Craig's wife and they reside in Lemoyne

Laura and John Robinson

They reside in Mechanicsburg and have recently downsized and moved here from Port Allegany, PA.



Church Picnic Fun!

A great time was had by all at the CHPC church picnic in September. Here are a few snapshots!



Care

PW Needs YOU!

Blankets for the Homeless



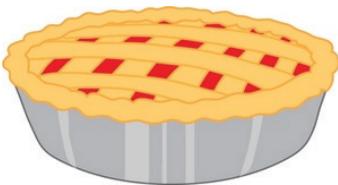
While we will sleep warmly this winter, others will not be so fortunate. In an effort to make a difference, PW is collecting new and gently used (clean) blankets for the Downtown Daily Bread Emergency Shelter. Please place your donations in one of boxes marked “Blankets” under the stairs in the Gathering Place. “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ “ Matthew 25:40. Thank you!

Personal Care Items to benefit the Ecumenical Food Pantry

Your donations of toilet paper and personal care items (bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) may be placed in the appropriate PW box under the stairs in the Gathering Place. Thank you for helping to make life a little easier for those in need.



Pies for Downtown Daily Bread



PW will be collecting and delivering pies to Downtown Daily Bread for Thanksgiving. **Won't you please help?** Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. Baked pies must be in the church kitchen by 10:00 AM, Wednesday, November 21, 2018. Please cover, and identify for “Downtown Daily Bread”

Presbyterian Women Service

Presbyterian Women will be leading this service of worship on Sunday, November 11, 2018, with our own Rev. Anne Ross preaching. Giving envelopes will be available in the church pews from October 28 through November 11, 2018. The Thank Offering funds programs that provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, justice for women, and so much more. Thank you for your generous gifts.



PW Fall Gathering

In case you missed the PW Fall Gathering ... We missed YOU!

Good food, good friends, good time, and a special presentation by Christian Churches United.



**Please join us for the PW Christmas Coffee
Thursday, December 6, 2018, 9:30 AM ~ Fellowship Hall**

PW-Dorcas Circle Party

The annual PW Dorcas Birthday party at Bethany Village Oaks, will be held on November 14, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend this celebration, with a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long and dessert for all.

Deacon Adopt A Grad

The Deacons have a program to stay in touch with members who are living away from home while in school. If your family member has changed their address with a new school year, please inform Aimee Kostukovich, amh5362@gmail.com or 717-395-0143



Give

Stewardship Campaign

By now you all should have received a letter, e-mail, or both with information about submitting your Estimate of Giving for 2019. As you know, this year it is more important than ever that every member respond strongly to the call for stewardship, since the church will be facing increased costs in its search for a new installed pastor and its recruitment of a new Director of Youth and Christian Education, as well as the general increased costs that seem to affect everything we do.

Please complete your Estimate of Giving form and bring it to worship on Commitment Sunday, November 4. If you did not receive, or have misplaced, your Estimate of Giving card, we have reproduced the card on the last page for you to use. If you are unable to come to worship on Commitment Sunday, please return the card to the church, or go to the church's web site, www.camphillpres.org/stewardship to pledge online, by November 8, so that the church's financial leaders can prepare a sound budget for the church's role in carrying out God's work in 2019.



As you plan your giving in support of CHPC and its mission in 2019, consider using any of the following ways to give:

- Checks or cash in weekly/monthly envelopes.
- Automatic weekly or monthly transfers from your checking account directly to CHPC. Please consult with the church office for details.
- Use your credit card by clicking on "GIVE" on the CHPC website www.camphillpres.org, and then on "Donate Now." One-time or recurring contributions can be set up.
- Save taxes by using appreciated stock to make your gift. We use BNY Mellon as our transfer agent, with Jim Hepfer as our contact person. He can be reached at (717)221-3036 or james.hepfer@bnymellon.com.
- If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA, and satisfy your required minimum distribution without paying any taxes. Consult with your broker as to the best way to do this.
- We are happy to receive gifts from your donor advised fund or United Way Tocqueville Society account. CHPC member commitments are not structured as legally binding obligations in order to avoid tax issues with this type of gift.

For additional information, please contact David Watts, CHPC Treasurer, at (717)237-5344 or dwwatts@mcneeslaw.com.

On-Line Giving



Do you know that credit card payments can now be made from the church's website (www.camphillpres.org)? Just click on the menu item "GIVE".

May a one time payment or set up recurring payment through the site. All major credit cards are accepted. A widget has been added for your convenience in calculating the 3% processing fees. These fees are paid directly to the merchant services company and not received by CHPC but will come out of CHPC budget if not included in your donation.

Christmas Giving Tree:

As we begin preparations for the upcoming holiday season, please remember those individuals in our community who are in need and who, through your generosity, can experience the true joys of Christmas.

This holiday season the Deacons are again partnering with New Hope Ministries to provide gifts to Central Pennsylvania families struggling during the holidays. Beginning October 28, 2018, you can select an ornament from the Christmas Giving Tree in the Gathering Place. Each ornament will include a "wish list item" that you may purchase for donation. Unwrapped gifts will be accepted by the Deacons in the Gathering Place through December 2, 2018. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Please consider how your generosity can have a meaningful impact on the lives of those less fortunate this holiday season.





STEP UP TO THE CALL

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace. (Peter 4:10)

ESTIMATE OF GIVING FOR 2019

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

After prayerfully seeking God's guidance,
I / we intend to support CHPC's ministry through my /
our gift of:

\$ _____ per (please check one)

WEEK MONTH QUARTER YEAR

totaling \$ _____ for the year.

\$ One Time Gift of _____

I / we cannot commit to giving regularly at this time.

If circumstances require an adjustment in your commitment,
please contact the church office.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.