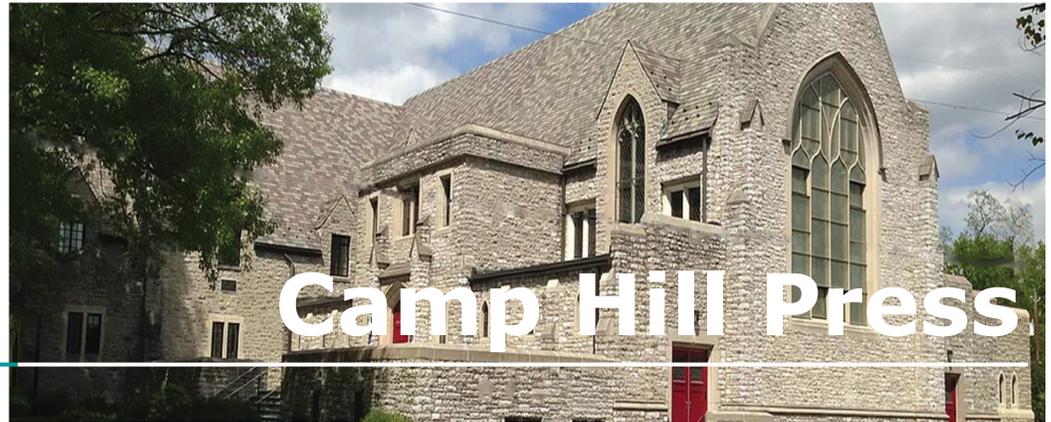


August 2022



Pastors' Note: Returning to Full Church Life

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Dear Friends,

I, Nancy, got to wondering recently about the origin of Rally Day. It's that Sunday that marks the return to the fullness of church life from a summer hiatus: a day to share all those stories of "what I did on my summer vacation" and reconnect as a faith community. The church in which I was raised called it Harvest Home Sunday. In the early '80s, it became Rally

Day when the focus shifted to the return to Sunday school.

I was surprised to learn that Rally Day actually began at the turn of the last century. In 1905, the author of "How to Conduct a Sunday School" wrote, "This festival is rapidly growing in favor. It usually comes at the end of the summer break-up, and is used as a means of rallying the forces again for

the work of fall and winter. When a general is preparing for a battle, he is said to rally his forces. When a sick person begins to recover it is said of her that she is rallying. When a bookbinder brings together in one place the different sections of a book to be bound into one they are

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said to be rallying the book. All of these phrases may be applied to the Sunday-school work; we are rallying our forces for the great campaign of the fall and winter."

Another book, "The Sunday School of Today," published in 1911, described the popularity of "Rally Day devices," including pins, badges, postcards, buttons, flags, ribbon hangs, and the like.

"The ethical value of such traps is doubtful," the author warned, for "even the practical value as an allurements wears off after a year or so."

But when given out with a "personal touch," the devices were genuinely useful.

"Postcards are not only the rage and craze at present," the writer admitted, "but they serve as an effective free advertisement scheme, since so many, other than the direct recipient, are apt to read and profit by them."

Eventually, Rally Day became a churchwide event to mark the return to the fullness of church life that commences in the fall.

Due to the pandemic, the return to routines and activities in our own lives

and in the life of the church has been a gradual, yet steady progression toward "normal." Now that the pandemic has become an endemic part of "normal," Sunday, Sept. 11, will be our Rally Day. May it not just be the commencement of a new programmatic year, but a rallying together from all our scatteredness into the fullness of our community in Christ.

*Yours for the journey,
Nancy and Stuart*

Fall Sermon Series to Focus on Book of Acts



Join us for CHPC's fall sermon series "Revolutionary Tales from the Acts of the Apostles," which begins Sunday, Sept. 11, during our 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Theologian Willie James Jennings, in his commentary on the Book of Acts, writes: "The Book of Acts speaks of revolution. We must never forget this. It depicts life in the disrupting

presence of the Spirit of God. ... Acts is like Genesis, revealing a God who is moving over the land, putting into place a holy repetition that speaks of the willingness of God to invade our every day and our every moment."

The Acts of the Apostles took place in a time when the people of God were caught between the diaspora of Israel and the

Empire of Rome. The spirit of God intervened, offering new life to both. Listening again to these revolutionary tales of the newly formed Church will inspire and guide us in how we as people of faith can yield to the Spirit to overcome the challenges confronting our present world.

~Pastor Nancy

ABOUT

**CAMP HILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MUSIC, ART & DRAMA SERIES**

2022-2023

October 5, 2022

Dr. Robert Lau, Organist • 11:45 Luncheon • 12:15 Recital

November 2, 2022

Debora Dillane, Organist • 11:45 Luncheon • 12:15 Recital

December 4, 2022

Seasons • 7:00 pm

December 7, 2022

Todd Davis, Organist • 11:45 Luncheon • 12:15 Recital

February 1, 2023

David Erickson, Organist • 11:45 Luncheon • 12:15 Recital

February 8, 2023

Popcorn Hat Players • 10:00 am

March 1, 2023

Chris Prestia, Organist • 11:45 Luncheon • 12:15 Recital

April 5, 2022

Dr. Terry Heisey, Organist • 11:45 Luncheon • 12:15 Recital

April 28, 2023

Hershey Handbell Ensemble • 7:30 pm

ABOUT



Preschool Corner: Playgroups Mean Summer Fun

The preschool has been busy this summer!

Wednesday playgroups have been scheduled throughout the summer, with more than 50 students split between three classes for playtime in the classroom, the bike room, or the playground. Attendees have enjoyed playing on our new mini merry-go-cycle, and loads of fun have been had in our new sandbox.

We also have spent time this summer updating the classrooms and replacing some furniture. We were able to replace or add window treatments in half of the classrooms in the Kuhn Education Wing. It's our hope that we will be able to replace the other half next year.

Camp Crayon, our summer program, is back for another great year. We will be offering two camp sessions for two different age groups during the weeks of Aug. 8 and Aug. 22.

Our first session, "Full STEAM Ahead Little Learners" will be taught by our Future Steps 4/5 teachers, Celeste Black and Deb Witzig. These students will go "full STEAM ahead" and have lots of fun exploring letters, numbers, and basic science concepts. STEAM activities include

elements of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. They promote learning experiences that allow children to explore, question, research, discover, and exercise innovative building skills.

Our second session of Camp Crayon, "Let's Go on Vacation," will be taught by Deb Juliana and Maura Brittingham. These little

learners will have a different adventure each day! This camp is designed to get students acclimated to preschool by having fun. They'll learn about the beach, camping, the dinosaur museum, the aquarium, and the amusement park.

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During the preschool's summer Wednesday playgroups, little ones stay in the groove of school through fun group play and other activities.

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We'll start to see all our teachers back in their rooms in the next couple of weeks as they prepare and decorate their classrooms for the upcoming school year. We are adding three new teachers to our staff this year; Anita Kelsch will be teaching in our Betweeners class Wendy Gallaher will be in our Next Steps 3s T-Th class, and Lauren Kohl will be teaching in our Big Steps 4s T-F class. We all are eager to get the school year started. Our first week of school begins Monday, Sept. 12. We have very limited openings for the 2022-2023 school year. If you or a friend knows someone who is interested in registering their 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. We are looking forward to a great school year!

~Dana Tarnoci



The CHPC Preschool playground includes some new attractions this summer. Above, riding with friends on the mini merry-go-cycle is a great way to spend a Wednesday morning. Or, opt for the new covered sandbox, at left, which holds more than 3,000 pounds of sand!

ABOUT



CHPC Trio Attends Civil Rights Sites Tour

Pastor Nancy Conklin, along with CHPC members Roger Hummel and Jeff Thompson, recently journeyed to the southern United States via bus while participating in “Returning to the Roots of the Civil Rights Movement” during the week of July 11-16.

The trip, part of Messiah University’s “Thriving Together: Congregations for Racial Justice” program, included visits to the International Civil Rights

Center and Museum in Greensboro, N.C.; the MLK Center in Atlanta; the Rosa Parks Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Ala.; and the National Museum of African-American Music in Nashville.

Among the many other stops were photo opportunities at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala.; the Freedom Ride Museum in Montgomery; and the Sixteenth Street Baptist

Church in Birmingham, Ala. Special speakers and group meals rounded out the week’s activities.

CHPC applied to and was selected to participate in “Thriving Together” last year. Nancy, Roger, and Jeff have been reading books and participating in discussions on a regular basis since October.

Led by Messiah professors Drew G.I. Hart and Brian

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“Thriving Together” program members pose at North Carolina A&T State University, a historically black college in Greensboro, N.C. Behind the group is a monument to the Sit-In Movement of Feb. 1, 1960, a symbolic presence of the four A&T freshman whose activism launched a desegregation campaign of public accommodations.

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Jeff Thompson and Roger Hummel outside the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was co-pastor of the church prior to his assassination. Today, the church is led by the Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock, who also is a U.S. senator.



At the Rosa Parks Library and Museum, Roger takes a break to sit next to a statue of Parks, “the first lady of civil rights.”

Smith, “Thriving Together” is a multi-faceted, multi-year initiative designed to strengthen Christian congregations so they can help people deepen their relationships with God, build strong relationships with each other, and contribute to the flourishing of local communities and the world. Messiah faculty, students, and regional

congregations such as ours are working together to understand our various and shared contexts, consider our historic and contemporary missions, and cast our visions for a future characterized by God’s shalom.

Our CHPC participants will give a photo presentation on their trip in September. Look for more information in upcoming editions of the

online “CHPCConnections” and the September issue of “Camp Hill Press.”

~Andrea Ebeling

ABOUT

New 'Pop-Ups' Attract Members, Neighbors

This summer, the church tried a new kind of event: summer pop-ups at CHPC.

At the end of the week of the food truck-themed Vacation Bible School, a Friday evening food truck party was hosted in the CHPC parking lot with food from Potato Coop and Rita's Ice, yard games and nine-square, a VBS dance

party, and an appearance by the Camp Hill Volunteer Fire Department. More than 200 members and neighbors came out for this first-time event.

Then, in July, Philly-based alternative rock band The Chairman Dances gave a porch concert on — you guessed it — the church porch. About 40 neighbors stopped by on a beautiful

Saturday afternoon to listen to old hits and melodic new songs by the band, followed by a potluck on the lawn.

Have a great pop-up idea for next summer? Get involved with our Intergenerational Ministries! Email me at sseelman@thechpc.com for more info.

~Pastor Stuart



Over the summer, CHPC hosted two "pop-up" events featuring food and entertainment. Our food truck party, left, tied in with our VBS theme and welcomed kids and adults alike. The porch concert, right, featured music by a Philadelphia-area band on a lovely July evening.

In Pentecost worship on June 5, CHPC confirmed six youth by the Session's approval to be active members of the congregation. From left are: Elizabeth Wiedt, Anne Gray Sarvis, Joshua Wiedt, Katie Abraham, Parker Tarnoci, and Alaina Tarnoci. Many blessings and congratulations to these confirmands!



GIVE/CARE

Thanks for Maintaining Your Giving

If you have not forwarded your 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 also may call or email your estimate to Andrea Ebeling at (717) 737-0488 or aebeling@thechpc.com.

CHPC just concluded its 2021-2022 fiscal year. As of June 30, we had year-to-date receipts of \$581,435.29 and year-to-date expenses of \$582,544.00, with expenses exceeding receipts by \$1,108.71. This is about as

close to breaking even as we can get. Thanks to everyone for maintaining your giving. However, it should be noted that CHPC spent \$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!

Contribution statements for the period for the past fiscal year were mailed on July 15.

If you haven't received a statement or if there are any problems with your statement, please contact me at dwatts@mwn.com or (717) 503-6518.

Have you thought about including CHPC in your will or as a beneficiary of your IRA or life insurance policy? Legacy gifts help to keep CHPC running. If you have questions about planned giving, contact me.

~David Watts, Treasurer



Help Us Welcome Refugees to the Area

The Board of Deacons are excited to host the Harrisburg sub-office of Church World Service for a Welcoming Team meeting, Sunday, Sept. 18, at noon.

Church World Service is a longstanding ministry coordinating refugee resettlement from many different countries. CWS just opened a sub-office in Harrisburg to meet rising need. Welcoming Teams of

eight to 12 volunteers can support families of refugees from the airport, through finding employment, starting school, and settling into life in the U.S., over the course of approximately three months.

Welcoming refugees is a central mandate of the Christian faith and an important part of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church's history, going back to even

the Vietnam War and the Second Sudanese Civil War. Come by for a quick informational session and learn how to get involved in this important ministry!

~Pastor Stuart



SERVE



MATE Crew Helps Homeowners in Need

“This is the first time I’ve ever had anything new. Everything I’ve ever owned was someone else’s first.”

That was the comment of one of our homeowners during the July MATE Trip. The Camp Hill work crew was literally building her a new home from the ground up. Her old mobile home was being torn down one section at a time while work crews built a new section of house in its place. By the end of the summer, the 11 churches serving at MATE during this housing season

should have most, if not all, of her new home in place.

Our team of 30 church members and friends served at Mission at the Eastward July 16-23. We worked with MATE Housing Ministry to do home repairs for families in need. We had four work crews who did seven projects.

The team stayed in a dormitory at the University of Maine at Farmington and had its meals at the St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Devotions, based on the

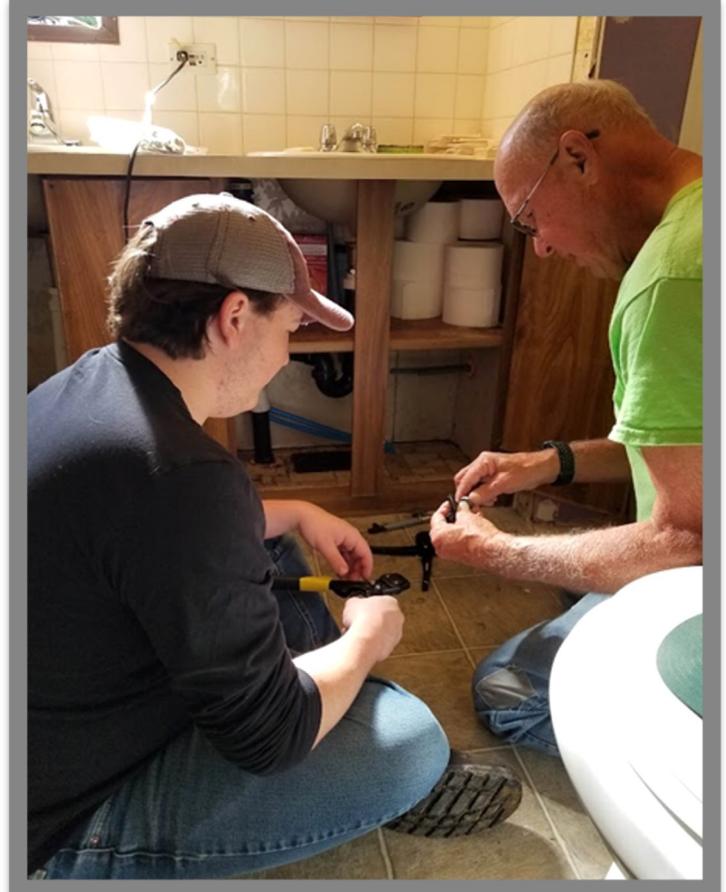
parable of the Prodigal Son, were led by Pastor Stuart each day. Friday night we had a deeply moving communion service to end our week together. It was a great week of faith, service, friends, and fun.

The 2022 MATE team thanks all of its shareholders and sponsors who provided the financing for this important mission work. Look for more information in next month’s newsletter.

~Nancy Flint



Feeding the MATE crews were, above, kitchen volunteers Ellen Smith, Susan Steele, Nancy Flint, and Susan Asbury. At right, Clarence Asbury gives Gavin Davis some plumbing tips as they work on repairing a homeowner’s bathroom.



**CHILDREN &
YOUTH/LEARN**

Vacation Bible School: 'On a Roll With God'

Guided by the theme “Food Truck Party: On a Roll With God,” 25 children and 20 volunteers rolled into Scripture storytelling, science activities, crafts, games, music, and dance for a jam-packed five-day experience.

Food was collected for the Earl Besch Project and, at the end of the week, parents gathered for a show in Fellowship Hall led by VBS co-director “Chef” Monica Zazworsky.

Mark your calendars for next year’s VBS, June 26-30!

~Pastor Stuart



Little “chefs” presented their dance numbers to families and friends on the last day of Vacation Bible School.



**PROGRAM YEAR
BEGINS ON**



Rally Day

Sunday Sept 11
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

9am Kirk Programs
10:30am Worship
11:30am Lawn Celebration

LEARN

Fall Book Study to Discuss Spiritual Practices

Our fall book study starts Sunday, Sept. 18, at 9 a.m. We will discuss “The Dangers of Christian Practice: On Wayward Gifts, Characteristic Damage, and Sin” by Lauren F. Winner, associate professor of Christian spirituality at Duke Divinity School.

In an interview, Dr. Winner discussed how she came to write this book:

“This is a book that considers the category of Christian practice, Christian worship and liturgical practice, and other spiritual practices, and wants to hold that practice in some kind of intimate tension with a robust doctrine of sin, and to really ask: How do we give a theological account as Christians of not just the generic fact that our most beloved worship and prayer practices and spiritual practices sometimes go wrong, (and) sometimes go wrong with real toxic outcomes, but of some of the specific ways that our

practices go wrong. So I look in the book at three historical instances where, in my judgment — and I think most people would agree with the judgment — that we can say something has gone disastrously wrong in the performance of a particular worship practice or spiritual practice by a Christian community.

“I’m really interested in not simply saying, ‘Oh, well, of course, here in a fallen world, sometimes things always run off the rails.’ That’s of course true, but I’m more pointedly interested in asking: All of our Christian practices have ways that they characteristically go right, so they have particular goods, and they also have ways that they can characteristically go wrong, so that sometimes something goes wrong in a way that at least seems to us to be kind of arbitrary. But, sometimes things go wrong in ways that show us something about what the thing is.

“I’m really interested in the word ‘deformation,’ like the form of the thing gets twisted. And if you look at the twist, you can see something about what sort of good form God’s vision for the form is. That was all pretty abstract. I look at these three historical examples. One is an instance where the Eucharist goes wrong, one is an instance of where baptism goes wrong, and one is an instance where intercessory prayer goes wrong.”

We will read and reflect upon how, despite our most faithful attempts, our practices can and do, at times, harm rather than heal, renew, or restore. In all humility we recognize that sometimes all we can do is receive the Lord’s gifts with clumsy hands, knowing that we will misuse them.

Copies of the book will be available in the office for \$10.

~Pastor Nancy

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August Dates to Remember:

- Board of Deacons Meeting — Monday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m.
- Kirk Families Barbecue at Harners’ — Friday, Aug. 26, 5:30 p.m.
- American Guild of Organists Recital — Sunday, Aug. 28; 3 p.m.
- Session Meeting — Monday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m.
- Deadline for September 2022 Camp Hill Press — Wednesday, Aug. 24