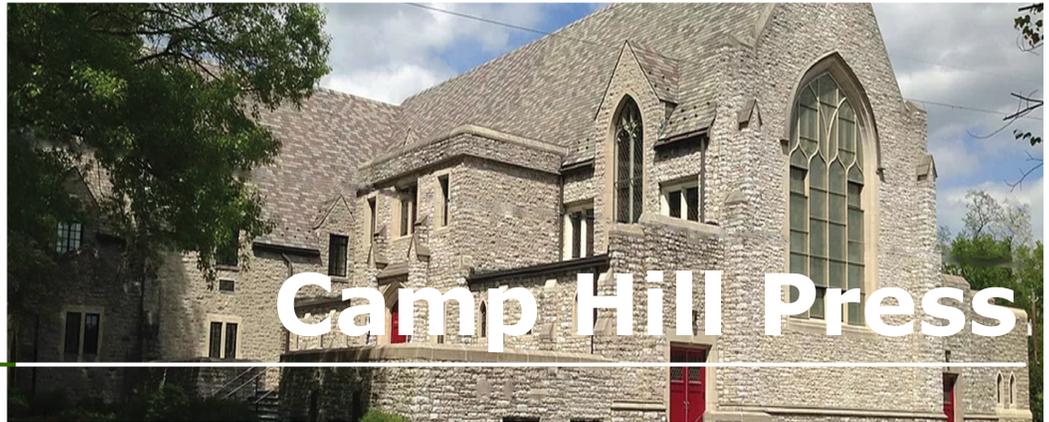


March 2020



Pastor's Note: Hearing the Voices from Golgotha

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Dear Friends,

Each Lent, we sing the familiar Negro spiritual:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble ... tremble ... tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Both the haunting music and simple yet passionately profound lyrics move us to feel the sting of our Lord's crucifixion and death. It also makes us wonder about those who actually were there

standing on the hill called Golgotha that day: those who journeyed with Jesus throughout his ministry, growing to love him and placing their wholehearted trust in him as their Savior.

What must they have thought, felt, and wondered as they watched him give his life for their own? Using monologues excerpted from "Faces at the Cross" by Presbyterian pastor and poet J. Barrie Shepherd, we will listen to the voices of those whom we know were there and hear through them an



invitation to the repentance that leads to Easter joy.

Yours for the journey,
Nancy

Lenten Sermon Series: 'Faces at the Cross'

■ **First Sunday in Lent, March 1**

The Face of Mary: A Bucket of Tears

■ **Second Sunday in Lent, March 8**

The Face of John: Taming Our Tongues

■ **Third Sunday in Lent, March 15**

The Face of Mary Magdalene: Shedding Our Shame

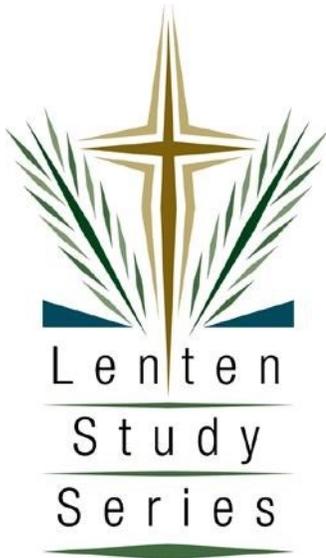
■ **Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22**

The Face of Peter: Confronting Our Fear

■ **Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29**

The Face of Joseph of Arimathea: Disciples Anonymous

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Lenten Study to Explore Forgiveness

"Forgiveness is the healing stream flowing out of the crucified Christ over a world that does not know how desperately it needs the healing. Yet divine forgiveness – what Christ on the cross represents – is precisely what makes a realistic future possible within a

human community still largely wading around in the muck of emotional and spiritual immaturity."

— Marjorie J. Thompson

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian

believers. Lent is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. I will lead a class on this topic on Sundays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the library.

Nancy Conklin

'The Way of Forgiveness'

- **March 1 & 12: *The 4Hs of Forgiveness: How We Forgive Others***
- **March 15 & 19: *Forgiving Those "We Just Can't Forgive"***
- **March 22 & 26: *Forgiving Ourselves***
- **March 29 & April 2: *Forgiving God***

Water Issues Continue to Be Addressed

Water. The most essential item for our bodies. We need it every day. But do we need it inside our church every time it rains?

We are blessed with a beautiful old church. Our stone walls stand out in the neighborhood. Slate roofs add even more "stateliness." Stained glass windows blend outward warmth during evening services and bathe us with color Sunday mornings. Stately. Distinguished. Old.

Aging mortar in those beautiful old stone walls and bricks. Cracked slate.

Clogged drains. Broken sidewalks. Deteriorating rubber roofs. Failing sump pumps. Signs of old age. During the past few years the Property and Maintenance Commission has addressed many of these issues. Roof repairs were made over the Gathering Place. Broken sidewalks and crushed drain pipes that led to flooding in the Reception Room were fixed. Cracks in the concrete patio facing 23rd Street and a ripped membrane that leaked water into the kitchen and the Quilters and Crafters Room

was repaired. Gutters and downspouts now get cleaned spring and fall.

Many issues have been resolved and, like the Reception Room, professionally cleaned and restored. But there is still more to do. As weather permits we will repoint and seal the brick exterior of the Education Wing to address water issues during heavy rains.

Water, water everywhere. Hopefully we will soon say it is only found in the new water coolers inside the church.

Dale Meadowcroft

ABOUT

Enjoy the Sounds of Silver, Wood, & Ivory

Join us Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. for our next MAD concert featuring Silver, Wood, & Ivory.

Silver, wood, and ivory are three creations of beauty found in nature. When you add the musical inspirations of Tracy Dietrich and Cindy Wittenberg, Silver, Wood, & Ivory transform into a celestial musical journey. Together, this two-person orchestra of classically trained artists has fashioned a tapestry of music that stirs the soul.

Dietrich and Wittenberg both have instrumental performance degrees: Tracy from Indiana University and Cindy from Elizabethtown College and Peabody Conservatory.

Whether it's a familiar song that causes memories to come flooding back or a new melody that creates a sense of calm, Silver, Wood, & Ivory has created a body of work that will satisfy each person's melodic appetite.

Mary Swartz



The duo Silver, Wood, & Ivory will perform in CHPC's sanctuary on April 26.

Noonday Organ Recital Performers Announced

On Wednesday, March 4, we continue our Noonday Organ Recitals when we welcome Victor Fields, organist and choir director at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in York. The series continues Wednesday,

April 1, with a concert by Anthony "Andy" Hoke of Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill. A light lunch will be served before each concert at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The recitals follow at 12:15 p.m.

in the Sanctuary. A freewill offering will be received at each recital.

Come, feed your body and soul.

Mary Swartz

Do You Know Our Custodial Staff?

Kem Bonner, CHPC's lead custodian, has 22 years in the maintenance field. He and his wife, Danielle, have five children and two grandchildren. He enjoys coaching Little League football, traveling, and watching the Steelers.

Frank Smith has worked for several years with Kem and has experience in construction/home remodeling. He is engaged to Ebony and has four children. He enjoys traveling, Steelers football, and playing poker for fun.

These gentlemen work hard to keep our property inviting. If you need special setups for classes or functions, fill out a form in the church office. They will take care of it for you.

Please seek them out and thank them for all they do.

Dale Meadowcroft

*Kem
Bonner*



*Frank
Smith*



ABOUT

Member Profile: A Long History at CHPC

**"I formed the CHPC Endowment Fund ... (it) continues to exist today and helps in various ways."
— Tom Beckley**

This month, the elder Tom Beckley talks about his more than 70 years at CHPC.

Q: When did you join CHPC?

Tom: My father was a highway engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, commonly referred to as the State Highway Department. My family moved to Camp Hill from Somerset, Pa., because of my father's job. It was the summer before my sophomore year in high school. We began attending Camp Hill Presbyterian Church around 1947. Spencer Smith was the minister.

Q: Please tell us about your personal background and interests.

Tom: I attended Dickinson College. I received a bachelor's degree in history, as well as completing the ROTC program. I was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon graduation. I was given the job of a CIC (Counter Intelligence Corps) agent, and was sent to "spy catcher school" in Baltimore.

When asked about where I would want to be assigned while in the Army, I said Europe because I had taken French in college. I was sent

to Germany instead of France. I enrolled in night school and became fluent in German. While in Germany I acted as an intelligence officer in civilian and military clothes.

After my time in the Army, I returned to Carlisle to attend Dickinson Law School. I also married my wife, Mary Sanford, in 1957. I had met Mary while attending Dickinson College. She was two years younger than me. Mary studied English and became an eighth-grade teacher for the Carlisle Public School District. I graduated from Dickinson Law School in 1960.

We moved to Castle Shannon (a suburb of Pittsburgh). I worked for the National Labor Relations Board as a field attorney from August 1960 through May 1961. We moved back to Camp Hill in May 1961 and lived in an apartment behind the Myers Funeral Home. I joined the law offices of Rhoads, Sinon, and Reader, and worked as a general practice attorney with an emphasis in labor relations, eminent domain, and estate planning.

In 1969, I left the law firm and moved as a partner to Shearer, Mette, and Horner.

In 1971, I started my own

practice with Bruce Grove. William Madden later joined us as well as other attorneys. I retired from Beckley & Madden in Harrisburg in 2016.

We moved to 333 N. 27th Street, Camp Hill, in 1971, where my wife and I now reside. Mary became a stay-at-home mom to our four children – Charlie (Susan) of Hampden Township, Fred (Francis) of Philadelphia, Liesl of Camp Hill, and Tom (Missy) of Camp Hill. All four of our children are lawyers, as are Fred's wife and Tom's wife. We have four grandchildren (Sam, Sarah, Maddie, and Jack).

Q: What activities were you involved in at CHPC?

Tom: I was a member of the Board of Trustees with four other trustees. The Board of Trustees was responsible for maintaining the physical aspects of the church's property, however, the board did not have any funds to do so. After visiting several other Presbyterian churches, I learned that the Board of Trustees had very little power because the Session controlled the funds of the church. I eventually dissolved the Board of Trustees and several of us joined the Session. Our

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church was one of the first churches to dissolve the Board of Trustees.

Around 1976, after seeing a need for some type of endowment fund, I formed the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund, made a donation to it, and was able to “find” money in various other places to help fund it. The Endowment Fund continues to exist today and helps in various ways.

I taught Sunday school, was president of the choir, and was president of the young people’s group with dinner

on Sundays. I was also a member of the Board of Deacons and Session.

Q: What hobbies do you have?

Tom: I enjoy reading about history.

Q: What is a favorite memory at CHPC?

Tom: My favorite memory is of William Miller. He was head of Session. He was also commanding officer of the reserve unit in the Army.

Q: Do you have any advice for younger members?

Tom: Be faithful, and honesty is the best policy.

Tom Beckley, as told to Ellen Smith



Tom Beckley, pictured with his wife, Mary, first attended CHPC in 1947.

Session Highlights: Notes from February Meeting

The CHPC Session met Feb. 24. Among the action items approved were:

- A request from the Christian Education and Nurture Ministry to approve a 3 percent pay increase for CHPC Preschool staff for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approval of the Church Treasurer’s report for January 2020.
- The appointment of Nancy Flint and Bob Griesemer to serve on the Endowment Committee.

Other items of note:

- The Board of Deacons is working with our visitation

pastor, the Rev. Don Potter, to deliver care baskets and visit with homebound members.

- A new cross, which will grace our Sanctuary during the Lenten season, has been constructed by Dan Flint. The Worship and Fine Arts Ministry extended its thanks for his efforts.
- The Property and Maintenance Commission is considering ways to ensure the security of the CHPC Preschool, including secure classroom doors and security cameras.
- The Fellowship and

Membership Ministry extended its thanks to Ann Markley, coordinator of the CHPC pictorial directory.

- The Stewardship Commission proposed the 2020 Stewardship Campaign, which will begin after Easter and conclude on Consecration Sunday, May 17. The theme is “living into our hopes and dreams for the future by nurturing the seeds of resurrection life,” based on Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, to give you a future and a hope.”

Beth Fine, Clerk of Session

ABOUT



Preschool Corner: Registration Now Open

March is CHPC Preschool's time for parent-teacher conferences, learning about spring, the sneaky leprechaun, and St. Patrick's Day. Our 4-year-old classes and pre-K are even planning a field trip to Weis Markets.

We have been spreading the word that CHPC Preschool's registration is open for the 2020-2021 school year. Have you noticed our yard signs around town? We have

extra signs advertising our preschool if anybody would like to place one in front of their home, business, or neighborhood. You may pick them up in either the preschool office or church office. We truly appreciate the extra support.

If you know someone who might be interested in attending our school, please let them know that we will be offering several classes for ages 21 months through

5 years old. You can find lots of information at www.chpcpreschool.org or pick up an application at the information station outside of the preschool office. We'd love for them to join our preschool family!

We're also still collecting pictures and stories of your preschool memories. Thank you to all who have sent them in already!

Dana Tarnoci



The preschool joined forces with Presbyterian Women and collected hats, mittens, and gloves for Downtown Daily Bread's emergency shelter during the month of February. Two-plus baskets were overflowing! CHPC Preschool definitely is warming up others with its "preschool love."

GIVE

Notes From the CHPC Treasurer

■ We are changing our fiscal year to end on June 30, in part to coincide with the preschool fiscal year, which currently has a June 30 year-end. The CHPC budget for the first six months of 2020 will remain the same as it was in 2019, with a new budget to be approved by the Session for the year beginning July 1.

Everyone is asked to maintain their current level of giving until the completion of the spring stewardship campaign.

■ We had a decent 2019 financially and ended up with receipts totaling \$576,375.12 and expenses totaling \$579,969.46, with expenses exceeding receipts by \$3,594.26.

The congregation's generosity in 2019 is greatly appreciated, but we need to work on increasing our current contributions in 2020 in order to keep up with expense increases.

Please keep in mind that we are now fully staffed, which means increased staff expense over 2019.

■ We spent \$137,587 on building renovations in 2019, including replacement of the 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; this

loan needs to be repaid by June 1. So far we have raised \$73,131.96 of the \$100,000 needed to repay the endowment, and we still need \$26,868.04 to pay off the loan.

Please contact David Watts at dwatts@mwn.com or (717) 737-2591 if you are interested in making a contribution to help CHPC repay this loan and to assist in reimbursing CHPC for the balance of the renovation expenses.

■ Also, if you have not received a 2019 contribution statement, or if there are errors in your statement, please feel free to contact me.

David Watts, Treasurer

SERVE

Registration for MATE Trip Now Open

CHPC's annual mission trip to Mission at the Eastward is now open. Brochures and registration forms are in the Gathering Place and outside the church office. The trip will be held July 18-25; registration is due Thursday, April 30.

MATE is a great way to serve God. We'll be working with the MATE Housing Ministry. You do not need to have

construction skills to join the trip, just a willingness to learn and a heart to serve. We can teach you. Showing up is 90 percent of the job!

Here's what Eva Karaginannis had to say: "This was my first year at MATE and through the week I believe I've gotten closer to God. ... I've learned how to use new power tools and do tough

projects. I want to thank my Gramma (Lydia Keller) for inviting me and everyone on the trip for being really kind." You too can have this wonderful experience in the mountains of Maine. Sign up today! Scholarships are available. Contact Dan Flint (d413flint@gmail.com) or me (nflint.home@gmail.com) for more information.

Nancy Flint



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Community Easter Egg Hunt Set for April 11



This year, CHPC will reach out to connect with the Camp Hill community through an egg hunt on Saturday, April 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. Members can help by donating materials or their time. Donations of Easter candy or other small treats that fit inside a plastic egg will be collected

in the Donation Center in the Gathering Place. We're asking middle school and high school youth to help prepare the eggs after worship on Sunday, April 5, and to help hide the eggs starting at 9 a.m. on April 11.

We hope the presence of people from our

congregation will help people feel welcomed by our community. Please contact me at lgottwald@thechpc.com to volunteer.

Lindsay Gottwald

Fill Fish Banks for OGHHS Fishing Derby

Families are invited to pick up fish banks for each of their children in the Gathering Place. These banks will be used to collect spare change during Lent. Children and youth can pick a set amount to give to those in need each day or use the accompanying Lenten

Giving Calendar for a more interactive approach.

Kids and youth under 18 will come together on Sunday, April 5, for a Fishing Derby after worship in Fellowship Hall to weigh the fish, with a prize going to the person with the heaviest catch.

Proceeds will be added to the congregation's One Great Hour of Sharing special offering, which helps those in need in a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression.

Lindsay Gottwald

RAP/PYC to Visit Trampoline Park

Middle school and high school youth will attend Get Air! trampoline park in Harrisburg following a post-worship pizza lunch

on Sunday, March 22. Look for permission forms in the Gathering Place. To RSVP or sign up to chaperone, email

lgottwald@thechpc.com.

Lindsay Gottwald

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Send *Press* submissions by the third Tuesday of the prior month to Andrea Ebeling, aebeling@thechpc.com.

CHPC March Highlights:

- Worship With Communion — Sunday, March 1, 10:30 a.m.
- Noonday Organ Luncheon/Recital — Wednesday, March 4, 11:45 a.m.
- Youth "Get Air" Trampoline Outing — Sunday, March 22, following service
- Deacons/Elders Retreat in Fellowship Hall — Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.