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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

This month we will come together to remember the most difficult, then the most exciting, aspects of Jesus' life and ministry. We will have a service of worship on Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 7 pm, where we remember that meal Jesus shared with the disciples in the upper room, and how after the meal they went out to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus was arrested.

This year on Good Friday we are going to have an evening service, rather than a mid-day service. We will be joining with Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church in the service that will be held here at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church. The service begins at 7 pm. This will be a Tenebrae service, a service of darkness, and it will be a very powerful service as we walk through the events of the day, including up to the foot of the cross and the darkness that surrounded the land.

On Easter we will continue the tradition of having two services of worship, at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. This service is a great service of celebration, as we rejoice in the good news that "He is not here; He has risen."

I always feel that Easter is a very powerful day with great singing (including the Hallelujah Chorus), and great celebration. And I believe the power of the day is far greater when we have been in the upper room, or have been on the journey to Calvary. I encourage you to attend these services, and if you can't attend both, to attend either Thursday or Friday. They are different services, but they will be very powerful and moving services as we focus on the things that really matter in our life of faith.

I look forward to worshipping with you during this very special time of year!

Peace,
Craig Miller

About

Food, Fun, Frivolity!

Wow! What a success! March 3 was our chance to have fun with our faith community (our version of Mardi Gras) before Ash Wednesday and the start of a time of reflection in Lent. The love and joy within the community is the story here. We shared entertainment, talent, gifts, food and fellowship.



Membership Directory

The church office is working on updating CHPC's membership directory. If you have made any changes to your mailing address or email address since the October 2017 update, please email Andrea Ebeling at aebeling@techpc.com or call the office at (717) 737-0488. Thank you.



It's a Matter of Trust

After the “Food, Fun, Frivolity!” talent show in March, the church office buzzed with positive feedback about the gathering. As I repeatedly stated my sincere hope that the event becomes a tradition, I was left with a question. How could sharing God’s gifts in a talent show bring our community together in such a moving way?

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Apr. 3 Mid-Week Organ Recital
12:15

Apr. 7 Lent Series Week 5

Apr. 11 Officer Training 7 pm

Apr. 14 Palm Sunday

Apr. 18 Maundy Thursday
Worship 7 pm

Apr. 19 Good Friday Worship
7 pm

Apr. 21 Easter Worship
8:30 and 10:30 am

Apr. 22 Session
7:30 pm

Apr. 28 Ordination/Installation of
church officers

I know a bit about fostering a sense of togetherness because I try to weave team building elements into youth events at CHPC. Approaches to team building vary, but often include challenges that can only be completed as a whole group. One of the most iconic team building activities is a “trust fall,” in which one team member falls backward, blindly trusting that their teammates will collectively catch them, each absorbing a fraction of the impact.

What if I said a talent show is a bit like a “trust fall?” When participants stand in front of their community in a way that makes them vulnerable, they extend their trust to that community. At the same time, the audience receives the collective experience of supporting everyone who took the risk of sharing part of themselves. I would argue that a talent show is a type of covenant between the participants and audience: a promise of support for those willing to share their gifts.

I hope we come together for another talent show next year. In the meantime, may God continue to help us find ways to demonstrate our support for each other as we grow in faith as a community.

Lindsay M. Gottwald, Director of Youth & Christian Education

Care

Ecumenical Food Pantry

Everything is running smoothly for us. This month we are asking for donations of ramen noodles and saltine crackers. Our clients appreciate everything they receive, and thank you for your continuing support.

Make a Donation to New Hope Ministries

This month, New Hope Ministries continues to collect laundry supplies, but also has made a request for toilet paper. Please place donations in the box marked “New Hope Ministries,” which is located in the Gathering Space.



CHPC Pastors Seeking Hospital and Wellness News

The church’s pastoral staff wants to visit congregation members who have been hospitalized, are recovering from surgery or illness, or are homebound. Please call the office at (717) 737-0488 to share this news about yourself or a member of the church family.

Message from Kathy Kuhn



It is a scary thing to be diagnosed with cancer and scary to go through the treatment for it. But after months of treatment, my oncologist told me that I am in remission and have no evidence of the disease. The medical care I have received has been top notch. My doctor and modern medicine are indeed blessings!

Likewise, the many prayers offered by my CHPC family and their friends and family, are blessings and have buoyed Tom and me up over these seven months. I am very grateful for the many good wishes, phone calls, text messages and cards that I am still receiving. There are no words to express how thankful we are to have people in our lives who are willing to pray for us, think about us and love us. Please know how appreciated you are and thank you, thank you, thank you!

Serve

Preschool Director



We are looking for the right leader for our outstanding program helping preschool children thrive since 1956. For details on the position and how to apply, please see:

<https://www.indeed.com/job/preschool-director-d33ad23fe5e1189e>

Questions? Contact Staff Commission Chair Abby Tierney at 717-608-8885 or abby_tierney@me.com

Youth In Worship

In feedback sessions last fall, RAP/PYC youth at CHPC made it clear they'd like to have more active roles during worship. In response to their desire to integrate themselves more fully into the congregation, the nurture committee would like to offer a variety of opportunities for the youth to serve.

Please take a moment to ask your youth whether they would be interested in serving in one of these capacities in the future. Contact me via email at the link below or in person on Sundays so that I can connect your youth to the appropriate church member.

- Acolytes to light the candles
- Readers of the Word of God
- Musicians to perform worship music
- Greeters to welcome attendees
- Technicians to run the sound board
- Photographers/Videographers to provide social media content



Lindsay Gottwald, Director of Youth & Christian Education

PW Spring Gathering

Sunday, May 19 12:00 noon

Join the ladies of CHPC for a light lunch, fun, fellowship, frivolity AND
"Journaling the Bible" with Sally Sulcove.

Election and Installation of Officers

\$2.00 donation



Registration for MATE Now Open



It's time to sign up for our annual mission trip to Mission at the Eastward, aka MATE. The MATE trip is an intentionally intergenerational mission trip. Teens and adults work side-by-side to repair homes for those in need. Western Maine is one of the most beautiful areas of our country, but the region suffers economic challenges. They also have harsh winters that are hard on houses. Our MATE group will no doubt encounter homes in

need of covered entries, roof repairs or replacements, windows that need to be weatherproofed and other assorted projects.

MATE is a great way to try out this type of mission trip as the accommodations are luxurious (by mission trip standards, that is) – dorm rooms with real beds and readily available showers. Meals are bountiful and delicious. There is also ample time for fun activities such as miniature golf, Frisbee, sight-seeing/moose “hunting,” shopping, etc.



Spiritual growth is also a goal for this trip. Our group will worship at MATE’s Fairbanks Union Church on Sunday. Each day we have devotions and sharing time, and on Friday evening we conclude our week together with a communion service.



Finally, MATE is a great chance to make new friends and strengthen ties to your existing CHPC friends. We will once again work with members of the First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey, NJ. We also make and renew friendships with the people we meet in Maine. It is just, simply put, an outstanding week – the best week of the year!

Here’s what some of last year’s participants had to say about their week at MATE:

My favorite part about this trip is getting to know our homeowners and working with both churches and coming together to be one big family. We did a roof for our homeowner, Dani, and her daughters. She was such a wonderful homeowner who appreciated our work and got us Dunkin’ Donuts and pizza for lunch. When we gave her the prayer shawl, it was such a great moment to share. On our next project I learned that I really liked taking off the old siding. It was such a great week, and I am always appreciative and grateful for all our hard work and the blessing that we bring to the families. – *Sarah Vita*



One of the greatest gifts of this trip is the opportunity to meet new friends from the Ramsey church. Jen was a wonderful addition to the kitchen crew this year. Getting to know her was a blessing! – *Abby Tierney*

I was traded at the end of the week to an awesome small crew, led by Ellen Smith. I love how it matters not which crew I end up on. I learn things and have fun! – *Monica Zazworsky*



Mission Trip brochures with complete trip information and registration forms are in the Gathering Space and by the mailboxes across from the church office. The trip will be July 20-27. You must register by April 30, so pick up your form today! Contact Dan Flint (d413flint@gmail.com) or Nancy Flint (nflint.home@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Learn

Raising Families in Faith

The Raising Families in Faith Sunday school class has been reading the book “You Lost Me” by David Kinnaman.

This book is a research-based review of the reasons young Christians leave the church. So far we have focused on the first part of the book titled Dropouts which outlines the unique social environment that our children are maturing within and how it contributes to young adults leaving the church.

As a class we are focused on what we need to do as Christian parents to help develop and nurture the faith of our children. We have had detailed discussions around the cultural topics of Access (the seemingly unlimited access to information to challenge faith), Alienation (the struggling to find a place in the church), and Authority (the general distrust of authority figures).

How do we, as parents, build a strong foundation of faith in God amongst this challenging cultural climate? As we move into spring, the next section of the book moves on to Disconnections. We look at the troubling perceptions youth have of the church and what we can do to build stronger connections.



Give

Donations for Easter Egg Hunt



Nurture Ministry is requesting donations for the CHPC Easter Egg Hunt. Please consider donating plastic eggs and the goodies that go inside, including small candies, stickers, pencil toppers, etc.

2019 Birthday Offering Of Presbyterian Women

“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 PW Birthday Offering has helped to fund mission projects that improve others’ lives. The recipients this year include Disaster Response in N.C., Child Development Center in IL., 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, 2019. The gold envelopes are also included in your tithing packet.

Thank you for giving faithfully.

M.A.T.E. Stock

The mission trip to Mission at the Eastward (aka MATE) needs the support of everyone at CHPC. Those going on the trip will need the prayer support of our congregation. Although participants pay a registration fee, it does not cover the entire cost of the trip. We therefore need the congregation to also provide financial support for the trip. Our biggest support is through our Sponsorships / Stock Sale. There are four levels of support:

- Become a MATE Stockholder with a contribution of \$1-\$99
- Become a Window Sponsor with a contribution of \$100-\$249
- Become a Deck Sponsor with a contribution of \$250-\$499
- Become a Roof Sponsor with a contribution of \$500 or more



You can make your contributions after worship in the Gathering Space in April and May or submit your check, payable to CHPC and marked “MATE sponsor” in the memo line, to the church office. Those buying MATE stock or sponsorships will be acknowledged in the bulletin on July 14, which is the day we’ll commission those going on the trip. You will also receive a Shareholders’ Report – a booklet describing what happens on the trip and including numerous color photos from MATE. If you have questions about the MATE sponsorship program, please contact Ellen Smith.

Thank you for your generous support of our efforts to reach the last house on the last road.