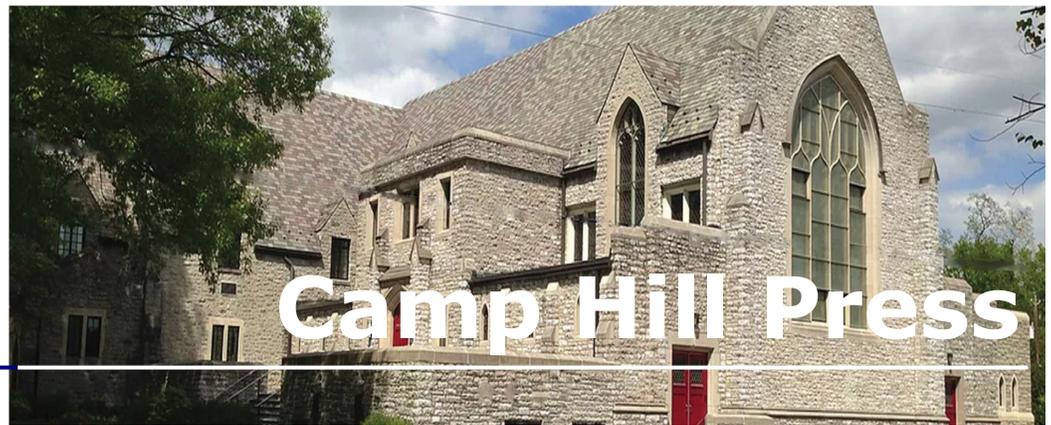


September 2020



Pastor's Note: Surrendering to God's Will

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God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; The courage to change the things I can; And the wisdom to know the difference.

Dear Friends,

Since the beginning of March when the pandemic restrictions went into effect, the pastors in the Presbytery have met weekly via Zoom. The hour-long conversation, led by our transitional presbyter, is a time to share information with each other and to offer support to one another. It's been an encouraging experience of our connectional identity as Presbyterians.

This past Monday, in the course of our conversation, all of us at the same moment thought of the Serenity Prayer. It spoke to our collective feeling that this pandemic has gone on far longer than any of us could have ever imagined and of our frustration that there does not appear to be a clear end in sight.

This simple yet profound prayer has become a daily mantra for people who attend 12-step programs, for they know what it means to feel powerless over their circumstances. Yet, the original prayer wasn't written to address addiction, but in response to the evils of Nazi Germany.

Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, himself German, wrote the prayer in the midst of his own ethical dilemma of having fled to the United States to be safe from persecution, but then finding himself powerless to intervene against Hitler. When he wrote it, Niebuhr was particularly haunted by the decisions made by his closest friends and fellow teachers at New York's Union Theological Seminary, Paul Tillich and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who remained in their homeland to oppose the war.

"The historical meaning of this quite modern American prayer is bound up in the



war against one of the greatest evils posed during a violently evil century," wrote Niebuhr's daughter Elisabeth Sifton in her book "The Serenity Prayer."

Niebuhr's original version is much longer than what many of us have memorized and continue to recite during our own situations in which we feel powerless. Here are the additional stanzas:

*Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the
pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful
world as it is, not as I would have
it;*

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Join Us on Sundays for Outdoor Worship

We have been having lovely outdoor worship services throughout July and August. Pastor Nancy

Conklin has provided wonderful leadership and meaningful services, and Dave Getz, J.P. Kloske, and

Diane Rutzler have been playing beautiful music.

The 9 a.m. outdoor service continues through Labor Day weekend. Starting Sunday, Sept. 13, the service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Please feel free to bring your own chair, or you can use one that we already have set up. Also, please wear a mask.

If you would like a ride, call me at (717) 448-8108.

We hope to see you soon!

Sandy McBride



We have been blessed with pleasant weather for our Sunday outdoor services.

Fall Worship to Focus on the Lord's Prayer

Members of all ages at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church will be embarking on a journey to better understand the Lord's Prayer. Between Sunday, Sept. 13, and Sunday, Nov. 1, the Christian Education and Nurture the Worship and Fine Arts ministries will offer worship services and Sunday school programs dedicated to this central piece of scripture, verse by verse.

Each week's focus will be threaded throughout the sermon at worship, in a post-sermon discussion with Pastor Nancy via Zoom, illustrated through picture books and song during the online family service, and discussed using BibleProject videos during a 30-minute interactive Zoom lesson for high school and middle school youth.

■ Sept. 13 — "Pray Then in This Way"

■ Sept. 20 — "Our Father Who Art in Heaven"

■ Sept. 27 — Pastor Don Potter will lead worship while Pastor Nancy is away.

■ Oct. 4 — World Communion Sunday; "Thy Kingdom Come"

■ Oct. 11 — "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

■ Oct. 18 — "Forgive Us Our Debts"

■ Oct. 25 — "Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

■ Nov. 1 — All Saints Sunday; "For Thine Is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory Forever. Amen."

Lindsay Gottwald

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Session Highlights: Action Items Approved

The CHPC Session met virtually via Zoom conferencing for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m.

Among the action items approved by Session were:

- A motion to continue outdoor worship through the end of September. Services on Sunday, Aug. 30, and Sunday, Sept. 6, will be held at 9 a.m. On Sept. 13, the fall schedule of worship will resume, with worship to be held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Virtual worship will continue to be offered for the foreseeable future.

- A motion from the Christian Education and Nurture Ministry requesting Session approve the hiring of Christie Kershner as an assistant teacher for 3-year-

olds and Elena Bartlett as virtual teacher serving the CHPC Preschool.

- A motion from Staff Commission to hire Caleb Flick as temporary music director effective Sept. 1 was approved via email poll conducted Aug. 26-28. Currently serving as director of musical ministries at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Caleb will assist with virtual worship on a part-time basis.

Other items of note discussed included:

- Board of Deacons — As Downtown Daily Bread is currently serving its clients with to-go bags, the deacons will not be securing volunteers to serve at DDB through the end of 2020.

The Deacons are revamping the Adopt-a-Grad program to take current circumstances into account.

- Property and Maintenance Commission — A rodent problem in the church kitchen has been addressed, and the kitchen has been professionally cleaned and sanitized.

- Worship and Fine Arts Ministry — The fall schedule of worship will resume Sunday, Sept. 13, with outdoor worship moving to 10:30 a.m. Communion will be celebrated, and the Rev. Nancy Conklin will hold a Blessing of the Students (and their devices) during the service.

Beth Fine, Clerk of Session

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Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever and ever in the next. Amen.

We may equate “surrendering” with “giving in or giving up,” as if we’ve lost the battle or no longer have the strength we need to

“fight the good fight.” We view it as a sign of weakness. But, the surrender of which this prayer speaks is a “giving over to Christ” or a “releasing to Christ” our will to him, trusting “that he will make all things right.” Far from being a sign of powerlessness, it is a powerful act of faith.

As we move through these difficult days together, may we experience the peace and serenity our Lord desires for us as we accept what we cannot change, change the things we can, and live according to His gracious wisdom.

Yours for the journey,
Nancy

ABOUT

Member Profile: Fine Serves CHPC, Presbytery

“David and I are profoundly grateful for the saints of CHPC who have more than fulfilled the promise made at Kenny’s baptism to nurture us as a family.”
— *Beth Fine*

This month’s “Member Profile” finds us talking with longtime member Beth Campbell Fine, CHPC’s clerk of session and the church’s unofficial institutional memory.

Q: When did you join CHPC?

A: My parents, Shirley and Jim Campbell, joined CHPC in 1970 when I was 3 years old, and we were active as a family in the life of the church. My brother, Duncan Campbell, was born in 1971 and baptized by the Rev. Spencer Smith. I was confirmed at CHPC in 1980, when the Rev. Dr. Dale Milligan was our senior pastor.

Q: What activities were you involved in at CHPC?

A: My earliest memories involve the nursery school (now the preschool). I enjoyed Sunday school as a child, and my first year of participation in the choir program was David Binkley’s first year at CHPC. Confirmation class was truly a bonding experience. I also loved our youth group, CiS (Christians in Service), especially our retreats, which were a mix of fun and service.

As an adult, I’ve continued in the choir program off and on and I’ve enjoyed participating in Christian

Education programs and Sunday school. I’ve served on the Board of Deacons and Session. As an elder, I chaired the Membership and Communication (now Fellowship and Membership Ministry) and Worship and Fine Arts ministries, and I am currently in my 14th year as clerk of session.

As a ruling elder, I’ve also had the opportunity to participate in the work of Carlisle Presbytery. I’ve served on the Administration Committee and the Administrative Commission assisting Faith (now Faith Immanuel) Presbyterian Church. Most recently, I’ve served on the Temporary Stated Clerk Search Team, and I am currently serving on the Commission on Ministry as chair of the Church Relations Subcommittee.

Q: Please tell us about your family.

A: My husband, David, and I met at Cornell University in 1986, where we were both students working at WVBR-FM93. Following graduation, David earned his M.A. in journalism from Northwestern University and landed at WUTR-TV in Utica, N.Y., as a news anchor and reporter. I was just down

Route 12 in Binghamton, working as a news anchor/reporter for WAAL (The Whale)/WRSG radio.

After our engagement, David returned to his hometown and entered the University of Toledo Law School. During David’s second year of law school, we were married — on Sept. 1, we celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary.

I joined David in Toledo and worked at WGTE-TV 30, Toledo’s PBS station, as the station’s on-air promotions producer. After David finished law school he served as a law clerk with the federal court based in Harrisburg.

Currently, David enjoys a busy legal practice with K&L Gates in Harrisburg, where he is marking his 26th year. David is actively involved in service to the legal community as chair of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners (who oversee the Pennsylvania Bar Exam), and he is serving in his 20th year as a founding member of the Vista Foundation/The Vista School Board.

Our son, Kenneth, was born in 1994. We learned shortly after Kenny’s second birthday that he was a child with autism, and over the

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years he has been challenged by ADHD and anxiety issues as well. Not long after Kenny's disabilities were identified, I left my position as a producer with WITF-TV in Harrisburg in order to focus on Kenny's education.

Working with a consultant from Bancroft Neurohealth in Cherry Hill, N.J., I coordinated an intensive at-home behavioral program for Kenny, in partnership with his local therapists from Keystone Human Services and the Capital Area Intermediate Unit. When Kenny became school-age, we were fortunate to obtain a placement for him at Devereux CARES, a behavioral-based day school for children with autism. I transported Kenny to and from his Downingtown school for 2 1/2 years. During this time, David was active with a group of parents who founded The Vista School, which serves students with autism, now located in Hershey. We were profoundly grateful that when Vista was established and licensed, our liaisons at Camp Hill School District were supportive of Kenny's placement there. Kenny completed his schooling in 2015, graduating from The Vista School and receiving

his high school diploma from the Camp Hill School District. Currently, Kenny participates in Carlisle Community Fusion, an adult day program which enables him to volunteer in the community and partake in activities.

As Kenny continues to thrive, after many years of absence I've returned to the workplace as parish secretary at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Paxtang. I'm enjoying the richness of the Lutheran liturgy and learning about Lutheran polity.

David and I are profoundly grateful for the saints of CHPC who have more than fulfilled the promise made at Kenny's baptism to nurture us as a family. Despite his disabilities, Kenny was able to make his Profession of Faith and was received by Session as a member in good standing at CHPC, with the support and encouragement of the Rev. Dr. David Roquemore.

Q: What is your favorite memory of CHPC?

A: It's so hard to choose, but I will say Kenny's baptism by the Rev. William Murphey. Often, after the baptism, the officiant will walk down our center aisle with the



Beth Fine, pictured with son, Kenny, and husband, David, counts Kenny's baptism as among her favorite CHPC memories.

baby. In our case, Bill invited David onto the chancel to hold Kenny up in front of the choir loft. The Sanctuary Choir got a proper look at the newly baptized, as Bill proclaimed, "He's a child of the choir!"

Q: Advice to younger members?

A: Get involved where your heart calls you. Participate in a once-and-done project or an ongoing small group (Sunday school, choir, etc.). The best way to get to know each other is to serve and study together.

Q: Favorite Scripture Verse?

A: John 13:34 — "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another."

Beth Fine, as told to Ellen Smith

ABOUT



Preschool Corner: Thinking Outside the Box

The countdown for the first day of school has begun! We are busy cleaning out classrooms and getting ready to bring our preschool families back. Even though this year is going to be different than any other year, our teachers are excited and determined to make this one the best it can be.

We are working on a much smaller scale, with only six classes; one of those classes is even virtual! If there is a time to “think outside of the box,” this is the year.

To help our students transition into the classroom this year, our teachers are planning Zoom story times for the first couple of weeks before we meet in person. Students will get to see everyone’s face with and without a mask during this time, hear a story, and even play a game.

If you want see how we are doing or follow along during the school year, consider checking out our social media pages:

■ Website:
www.chpcpreschool.org

■ Facebook:
[@theCHPCpreschool](https://www.facebook.com/theCHPCpreschool)
www.facebook.com/theCHPCpreschool

■ Instagram:
[@chpcpreschool](https://www.instagram.com/chpcpreschool)
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■ Twitter:
[@CHPCPreschool](https://twitter.com/CHPCPreschool)
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We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

Dana Tarnoci

SERVE/CARE

CHPC Members Continue to Support Causes

■ Sandy McBride, Monica Zazworsky, and Karen Taylor report that the pandemic did not curb the generosity of CHPC members. Our church was able to purchase and deliver boxes of food to 33 families in Camp Hill Borough who are struggling. Members shopped, sorted food, made deliveries, and contributed \$1,700 to the Earl Besch Project.

“We are truly spreading the love of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. Thank you to everyone for making this

such a successful and worthwhile project,” said Sandy.

■ Liz Skolnicki thanks everyone who donated masks, hand sanitizer, school supplies, and money to the Deacons’ BASS Project. Fifty-one art supply packs are now ready for Steelton-Highspire School District students.

■ Mark your calendars! CHPC’s MATE date for next summer is July 17-24. According to Nancy Flint, most of the work groups had to cancel this year, but

MATE did enlist local and regional volunteers to do some housing ministry work. To maintain safety, only outside work was done. MATE provided personal protective equipment and did daily temperature checks.

The Flints are headed to Farmington, Maine, the week of Sept. 13. Nancy will help with office and board work, while Dan will work on housing projects.

“Prayers for us would be appreciated that week,” said Nancy.

Andrea Ebeling

GIVE

Notes From the CHPC Treasurer

■ During this difficult time, we are asking those of you who normally place your contributions in the offering plate but are not attending the Sunday service in person to mail your contributions to the CHPC office, 101 N. 23rd Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

■ CHPC now operates on a June 30 fiscal year so as to match the preschool's fiscal year. This past July was the first month of our new fiscal year. Contributions for July were a very low

\$23,705.35. This compares to \$43,272.21 in current contributions for July 2019 and \$46,167.97 for July 2018. Year-to-date receipts as of July 31 were \$41,176.79, which includes the third-quarter Nelson gifts. With year-to-date expenses at \$47,508.07, our year-to-date expenses exceed year-to-date receipts by \$6,331.28. Please help us to balance the budget by bringing your commitments up to date. Thank you in advance!

■ We spent \$137,587 on building renovations in 2019. The endowment has loaned CHPC \$100,000 to help pay for these costs. So far, we have raised more than \$89,000 of the \$100,000 needed to repay the loan. If you are interested in making a contribution to help CHPC repay the rest of the loan, you can mail a check to the CHPC office. Thanks to all who already have made gifts for this project!

David Watts, Treasurer

Give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering

Presbyterians will participate in the annual Peace & Global Witness Offering during the Season of Peace, Sunday, Sept. 6, through Sunday, Oct. 4.

You can get daily Season of Peace reflections, which emphasize the work of peacemaking that takes place

at all levels of our lives, on the PCUSA website.

On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 4, we will conclude the Season of Peace with the special Peace & Global Witness Offering. One-quarter of CHPC's offering will be given to Domestic Violence

Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties, one-fourth will go to the Presbytery of Carlisle to support peacemaking causes, and the remainder will go to PCUSA's Compassion, Peace & Justice Mission.

Bobbie Kitzmiller

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways."

— 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Get 'Moving for Krislund' to Help Camp

The virtual "Moving for Krislund" fundraiser, now through Thursday, Oct. 15, raises money for the camp that serves our youth. Walk, run, or ride a bike and keep track of the miles, seeking

pledges. Or, financially support those who are "moving." Sign up at krislund.org/movingforkrislund. Let me know if you are participating. We'll list you

in "CHPCConnections" so that church members can sponsor you. Watch for news about a possible CHPC walkathon benefiting the camp later this month!

Lindsay Gottwald

LEARN



Sunday School Starting Up for Adults, Youth

■ CHPC adults, have you missed your Sunday school groups or are you looking for a class to attend?

Classes start again after Labor Day, and while we are maintaining a block of time Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m., each class will decide individually when they will meet and whether they will gather virtually or in person.

In addition to our traditional classes, Pastor Nancy will offer a post-worship discussion of the sermon via Zoom on Sundays at 1 p.m. for anyone who would like to participate. Please contact your class leader for more information, or email me at lgottwald@thechpc.com to connect with a new class.

■ On Sunday, Sept. 13, children and youth kick off

the programmatic year with virtual Sunday school. Classes have changed from previous years, as the pandemic has inspired us to invent new ways to reach our families with children. Both age groups will start the year learning more about the Lord's Prayer.

Families with kids younger than 12 will encounter stories from the Bible through our "family service" via Zoom at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning. Based on the successful summer program "The Gospel According to Pixar," this 20- to 30-minute program features songs, stories, and a show-and-tell-style children's message. Families can carry the theme into the week with an optional activity.

Youth in middle school and high school will meet for 30 minutes on Zoom in the afternoon or evening each Sunday. After finishing our churchwide deep dive into the Lord's Prayer, the group starts a curriculum I've specifically designed for them. Sessions will focus on connecting the "little stories" in scripture with the overarching "big story" of the Bible. The fast-paced, interactive class features animated videos from the BibleProject.

Youth also will meet via Zoom at a secondary time during the week to hang out and share their personal news. Look for updates about specific times in the weekly "CHPCConnections" and "Family Resources" emails.

Lindsay Gottwald

As part of CHPC's "Rally Day" celebration on Sunday, Sept. 13, Pastor Nancy will offer blessings of children, youth, and educators as they begin a new school year during both the outdoor and online worship services. Families with children and youth should check their mailboxes for a vinyl sticker from the church, with a reminder that "You Are So Loved" by both God and members of CHPC. We hope students will place the stickers on their water bottles or notebooks to remind them of our commitment to them.

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CHPC September Highlights:

- Communion (Outdoor and Online) and Rally Day Blessings — Sunday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m.
- Board of Deacons Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.
- Session Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.