

April 2022



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Pastor's Note: Bearing Hope Into Our World

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he is risen!"

~Luke 24:5

Dear Friends,

The colors and fragrances of spring have begun to emerge all around us: new life springing forth from the cold winter earth. We, too, have begun to emerge from our long harsh season of life, being tomb-like, as we've had to keep distance from one other. We emerge wondering what the "new normal" will be for our lives in the world and our lives in the church.

For was the beginning of a whole new world — a world of healing and hope. This new world was visible in the formation of a radically new community that began to impact for good in the world around them. Resurrection spread rapidly, like a pandemic, but life, not death, was the result. People were healed, physically, spiritually,

and socially. Relationships were restored.

Witnessing resurrection at work in the lives of Jesus' followers was hugely attractive. Social and cultural barriers were shattered. Within this community of the resurrection there was "neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, no male and female — because all are One in Christ." Their life together was a visible sign they were rooted and grounded together in hope.

The actual embodiment of a new creation in a different kind of community based solely on its shared faith — that is the church being the church. Real hope for a transformed world won't come from anywhere else.

As Easter people, may we emerge together, a radically transformed community of the resurrection bearing hope into our world.

Happy Easter!
~Nancy



ABOUT

**MEALTIME
ENCOUNTERS**
CAMP HILL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LENT & HOLY WEEK



LENT

SUNDAYS

MEALS OF JESUS

9am

*Kirk Friends & Families,
Gathering Place*
Intergenerational Formation
programs for kids to Adults

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

5TH SUNDAY APRIL 3
**"GUESS WHO'S COMING
TO DINNER?"**
LUKE 19:1-10

6TH SUNDAY APRIL 10
"THE LAST SUPPER"
LUKE 22:7-23

WEDNESDAYS

*COVENANTAL
MEALS OF THE
OLD TESTAMENT*

9:30am

*Study,
Fellowship Hall*

6:30pm

*Soup & Study,
Fellowship Hall*

5TH WEDNESDAY APRIL 6
**"THIS TASTES LIKE
POISON!"**
2 KINGS 4:38-44

6TH WEDNESDAY APRIL 13
"THE PASSOVER MEAL!"
EXODUS 12:1-16

HOLY WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

7pm *Tenebrae Service,
Sanctuary*

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

12pm *Good Friday Prayer,
Sanctuary*

**EASTER SUNDAY,
APRIL 17**

7am *Easter Sunrise Service,
Peace Garden*

**9:30
am** *Breakfast,
Fellowship Hall*

**9:30
am** *Easter Egg Hunt,
Peace Garden*

**10:30
am** *Easter Worship,
Sanctuary*



ABOUT

Session Highlights: Worship Calendar Approved

The CHPC Session gathered in a hybrid meeting in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom for its regular monthly meeting on March 28.

Among the items approved by Session were:

- A request from the Worship and Fine Arts Ministry to approve CHPC's Worship and Communion Calendar for 2022. Morning worship will be held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and will move to Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for the summer, June 12 through Sept. 4. An evening Vespers service will be held on Sundays at 5 p.m. beginning April 3. Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and at all Vespers services.

Included in the calendar were Holy Week services, including the celebration of Communion on Maundy Thursday (see Page 2 for the complete Holy Week schedule).

- A request from the Christian Education and Nurture Ministry to approve the 2022-2023 CHPC Preschool Calendar. Director Dana Tamoci reported registration for the coming school year is nearly full.

- Affirmation of the result of an email poll conducted March 9, through which revised COVID-19 protocols for the CHPC Preschool, recommended by the CHPC COVID Response Task Force, were approved. The revised

practices, put into place March 14, included making face masks optional in the Kathleen L. Kuhn Education Center during preschool hours of operation and continuing COVID mitigation efforts to reduce the risk of transmission. The task force continues to monitor emergent risks and community transmission of COVID and will update recommendations as appropriate.

- Receipt and approval of the Treasurer's Report for March 2022.

~Beth Fine, Clerk of Session

Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of receiving a report from the Nominating Committee.



CHPC members and friends honed their artistic talents during last month's Paint Party and Potluck. Burgeoning artists young and old created masterpieces while viewing a Bob Ross how-to video. Many laughs were had as Pastor Stuart coached the group. A meal of Pastor Don Potter's hot dogs and an array of potluck dishes followed, with uplifting fellowship had by all.

ABOUT



Music Notes: Journeying Together Toward Easter

As I approach the end of my first year here at Camp Hill Presbyterian — hopefully the first of many years — I’ve had the opportunity to reflect on the work we’ve done together.

Stepping back into the realm of in-person worship was quite an experience after a long season of the strange and complex world of online-only worship. I use “strange and complex” because it was the antithesis of what it means to participate in corporate worship. For church musicians, that means having to create something that we know isn’t going to truly fulfill our mission — which is in enabling full participation. It was a sacrifice, and it forced me to look inward in ways that made me very uncomfortable, even

questioning my call to the task. It was reminiscent of a prolonged season of Lent.

I arrived last year during the week following Easter. From the moment I hit the ground, we began exploring ways of reintroducing congregational song, the return of hymnals in the pew racks, and a summer choir. It was a rebirth of sorts. Everything felt new and exciting.

We introduced new musical instruments to children in hybridized Vacation Bible School and expanded our Handbell Choir — now leading regularly in worship. The Chancel Choir continues to grow, presenting both old standards and new choral music. On a personal note, you’d be hard-pressed to find a finer, more dedicated group of people to work

with. Their work enhances worship in ways that most of us took for granted before the pandemic.

We have also successfully reintroduced the Noonday Organ Recital Series, which has steadily grown. I am honored to be the final performer this year, joining with some of the finest organists in the region — if only by the grace of God! I am forever indebted to the church members who work diligently each month to provide the luncheon. The success of our programming depends upon everyone, whether they are actively singing, rehearsing, preparing a meal, or sitting in attendance at a concert — it takes all of us.

As we are merely days away from the celebration of the resurrection of Christ, I am thankful for those who journey together with us. I encourage those former participants, as well as those who have interest, to consider joining with us. It may require a little sacrifice, but it will surely be a blessing. In my reflecting on the work we do together, this has been a year of journeying toward Easter. May we all be shaped by our journeying together.

~Jerrold Tidwell

Last Noonday Organ Recital of the 2021-2022 Season!

♪ Wednesday, April 6

♪ Luncheon: 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

♪ Recital: 12:15 p.m., the Sanctuary

♪ Featured organist:

CHPC’s own Jerrold Tidwell

Both the luncheon and recital are free; goodwill offerings are accepted.

ABOUT

Preschool Corner: Playing Music & Making Art

Happy spring!

On March 26, the CHPC Preschool joined the Fellowship and Member Ministry at Camp Hill Borough's Spring Fling. At our table on Market Street, we passed out homemade playdough made by the Preschool Board, handed out preschool brochures, and had the children go "fishing" in our makeshift pond.

Volunteers from the church handed out seed packets and invited passers-by to join us for our Easter programs. As always, it was a huge success!

The preschool recently celebrated music with visits to the organ led by "Mr. T" (organist Jerrold Tidwell). He showed us all the different wonderful sounds the organ can make. One of our own teachers, Laura Workman, shared her knowledge of South African music, also. The students then participated in their own musical parade with instruments they made themselves.

During April, classes will be busy preparing for their egg hunts, celebrating spring, and enjoying the warm weather. The preschool has been blessed by a generous donation of a sandbox, bench, and mini merry-go-round for our

playground by Charlene and Bob Shank, in honor of Charlene's mother, Bernice Ryder (a much-loved retired CHPC Preschool teacher and member of our congregation). Once the ground is ready, the items will be installed. The students are beyond excited to get outside and have fun on the playground with these new additions.

The students also will be looking forward to participating in the newest story walk, "Mouse's First Spring." Signs will be placed outside surrounding the Kuhn Education Wing. A

page from the story will be on each sign, at which students can act out a scene from the book, then travel to the next page.

April is our final opportunity to finish all the students' artwork in preparation for our three-night Art Show event in May. It's a special time for family and friends to look over all the art and be inspired. It's one of our favorite events. The show will be ready for CHPC members and visitors to see on Sunday, May 8. Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss it!

~Dana Tarnoci



CHPC preschoolers have kicked off spring with learning and play in their classrooms, the Bike Room, and the playground. They also made a visit to the sanctuary to learn about the organ and parade with their own handmade instruments. In May, they'll make use of the Gathering Place and Fellowship Hall for their annual CHPC Preschool Art Show. Our preschool certainly is one of our church's most active ministries!

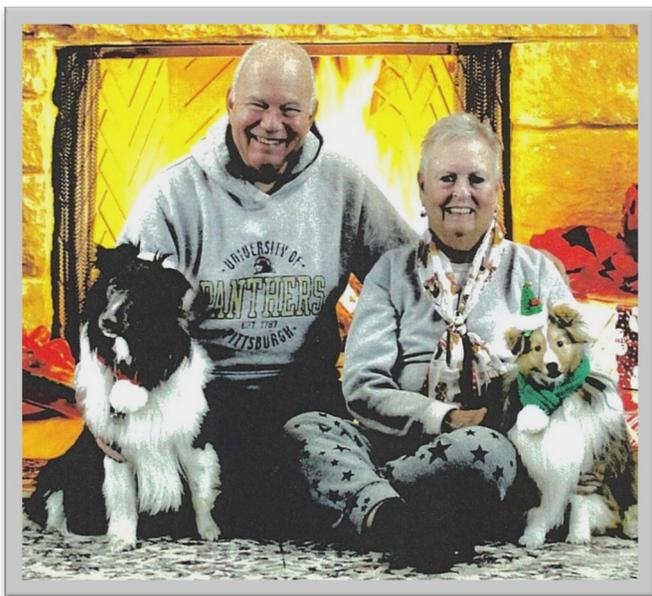
ABOUT

Member Q&A: Couple Serve as Elder, Deacon

This month we feature Jeff and Peggy Heiss, CHPC members for more than 30 years.

Q: When did you join CHPC?

A: We (Jeff, Peggy, and our son, Brian) began attending Camp Hill Presbyterian Church in 1989 and quickly became members.



Jeff and Peggy Heiss and puppies.

Q: What brought you to CHPC?

A: We had just moved from Rocky River, Ohio, to Hampden Township. Although Peggy grew up as a Southern Baptist and Jeff as an Episcopalian, we had begun attending Presbyterian churches shortly after being married. We had attended a few area churches, but did not feel welcome. Our neighbors down the street, Ed and Lynn Kloske, invited us to

attend CHPC. We felt welcomed here and soon joined. Pastor William Murphey was head of staff at the time.

Q: What activities have you been involved with at CHPC?

A: Jeff enjoys attending the Men's Bible Study. After participating in many activities, he was nominated to serve and elected as an Elder. As an Elder he was on the Property and Maintenance Commission, the Mission Outreach Ministry, and, most recently, serves as chair of the Communications Task Force.

Peggy became a Deacon and has served in many capacities. She was elected again this year to the Board of Deacons. Peggy also was a teacher at the CHPC Preschool from 1999 to 2007 and substituted for several years after.

Q: Please tell us about your family.

A: We met in 1974 when Peggy was teaching in Meridian, Miss., and Jeff was a Navy jet aircraft flight instructor at the nearby naval air station. We married in 1976 after Jeff left active duty.

After marrying, we lived in Whitehall, just west of

Allentown. A job promotion for Jeff took us to Pittsburgh, where we adopted our son, Brian, in 1983 through Catholic Charities when he was 9-1/2 months old. He will be 40 this month. Brian is married to Diana and lives in Germany with her family. They have a teenage son, Dylan.

We moved to our present home in 1989, when Jeff accepted a position at Rite Aid.

Q: What is your favorite memory of CHPC?

A: We very much enjoyed the Bible class taught by (former pastor) Dr. David Roquemore. Jeff has enjoyed men's and Elder retreats, and Peggy particularly liked the Rev. Buzz Myers' (husband of former temporary Associate Pastor Anne Myers) class on Revelations.

Q: Advice to younger members?

A: Our advice to younger members is to keep coming to church and get involved in activities and the various ministries of the church!

Q: Favorite scripture verse?

A: Peggy's favorite scripture is Matthew 6:19-21. Jeff's favorite is the 23rd Psalm, and his favorite prayer is the Serenity Prayer.

~Jeff and Peggy Heiss, as told to Ellen Smith

ABOUT/CARE

PW Plans Gathering, Election Day Bake Sale

Please mark your calendars for two Presbyterian Women events scheduled for next month:

■ The PW Spring Gathering will be held Sunday, May 15, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Pam Thompson is chairing this event. Gwen Fourson will be preparing a light luncheon, and desserts will be provided by Dorcas Circle. A \$2 donation will be collected.

Our speaker will be Aisha Mobley, of Christian Churches United. She will share her experiences working with the homeless and street people. Her message of compassion and hope will be welcomed by all. Look for more information in upcoming editions of the

church's weekly email blast, CHPConnections.

■ The Election Day Crafts and Baked Goods Sale, sponsored by PW, will be held Tuesday, May 17, in Fellowship Hall.

The last Election Day sale, held in November, was very successful. We raised a significant amount of money for our PW missions, and the voters appreciated the variety of home-baked goods and handmade gifts.

The co-chairs of this event are Dawn Murray and Alice Lebo. Please contact them if you would like to donate baked goods.

Many members of PW attended a program of

remembrance March 6 for Edie Flurkey. A reception organized by PW's Joann Fissel followed the service.

During the program, led by the Revs. Nancy Conklin and Don Potter, fond memories of Edie's life of faith and volunteering at CHPC were shared by Sandy McBride, Bobbie Kitzmiller, and Dolores Peffley. Edie will be remembered for her loving, untiring outreach. Many of her missions, including the blanket ministry and the pumpkin pie ministry, continue to this day.

We remember yet another CHPC saint.

~Gail Mark



Seeking Donors for Sunday Floral Arrangements

Our chancel flowers grace the sanctuary each Sunday, and this long-time program is shared between the Worship and Fine Arts Ministry and Presbyterian Women. I schedule the donations and order flowers from Royer's, while Dawn Murray coordinates the delivery of flowers in accordance with the donors' wishes.

With the passing of many of our saints who often gave

flowers multiple times a year, we have openings to fill, including May 15, 22, and 29, and July 17, 24, and 31.

If interested donors don't reach out, we are prepared to use silk arrangements we have created and one that was given to us by Royer's in appreciation of our many faithful years of doing business with them. Of course, using the silks leaves us without the joy of fresh

flowers in the sanctuary and something tangible to share with our homebound and hospitalized members.

To learn more about the program and/or to sign up for a Sunday, contact me at dwpeffley@gmail.com or (717) 766-7554.

Thank you!

~Dolores Peffley



CARE

Spring Cleanup Day: The Great Closet Purge



A team of CHCP volunteers got an early start on spring cleaning on March 19 when 25 volunteers came together to sort, purge, organize, clean, and paint (check out the bright new “Little Kirk” room behind the Fellowship Hall stage). The cleanup effort supports our purposeful reimagining of the best use of

our physical space to support mission and community. We filled our dumpster with broken and unusable items buried in dozens of cabinets and closets — some for 25-plus years. Other items went to Community Aid or other CHPC-supported ministries.

Following the cleanup, the crew celebrated a job well done with pizza. The Property and Maintenance Commission is very thankful for the many hands that came together for a fun and productive cleanup!

~Carol Helsel

A large group of hardworking volunteers showed up for our March 19 Spring Cleanup. Above, cleanup warriors Karen Taylor and Ellen Smith test out some closet finds. At right, the group takes a well-deserved photo break. The PW crew, below left, sorted through cabinets, while the painting crew, below right, spruced up what is now our Little Kirk for children.



CARE/GIVE



A bake sale to support Ukrainian refugees was held March 20, following our Prayer Vigil for Ukraine. The proceeds from the sale are being used by Jola Rothman, daughter-in-law of CHPC members Bill and Sue Rothman, to purchase much-needed supplies for Ukrainians who have fled to Poland. The sale raised \$3,400, which included a donation of \$500 from CHPC's Ministry for Mission. At left, Mission chair Rob Shaw presents a check to Jola Rothman.

Gifts to Support Repairs Greatly Appreciated

For the period July 1, 2021, through Feb. 28, 2022, the first eight months of our fiscal year, we had receipts totaling \$379,832.13 and expenses totaling \$387,984.76, with expenses exceeding receipts by \$8,152.63. Our contributions for this period totaled \$306,387.97, which compares favorably to \$277,532.01 in contributions for the same eight-month period last year.

You may have noticed that the Property and

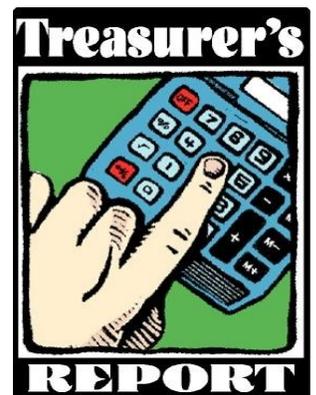
Maintenance Commission has been busy with waterproofing projects and other necessary repairs and improvements. Many of these expenses have been paid for out of the Memorial or Rainy Day funds, gifts to which are greatly appreciated!

Many people are mailing their contributions to the church office, and we thank you. If you have online access to your checking account, it is reasonably easy to arrange for your bank to

send checks to CHPC on a weekly or monthly basis, and then you don't have to deal with postage. Just click "Bill Pay" or equivalent, add CHPC as a payee, and click on "Recurring Payments" or equivalent. Or, call your local branch for assistance.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship during the past year. If you have any questions, please contact me at dwatts@mwn.com or (717) 503-6518

~David Watts, Treasurer



GIVE



Mission at the Eastward Stock Now on Sale

Mission at the Eastward, or MATE, is the summer mission trip to Farmington, Maine, which CHPC has been participating in for 35 years. The planning process has started for the 36th trip to take place Saturday, July 16, through Saturday, July 23. Volunteers will perform much needed home repairs that families could not otherwise afford to do. Our CHPC volunteer teams are called out of their everyday lives to serve our neighbors in Maine.

My name is Ellen Smith, and I have been the fundraising coordinator for MATE for many years. Every year I am amazed at the outpouring of love and support from our church family toward this very special ministry.

As 1 Peter 4:10 states, “Each of you should use whatever

gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” Some church members will sign up for this year’s mission trip, while others may not be able to attend, and that is OK. All church members can support MATE with your prayers for safe travels, a week without injuries, a job well done, and for the homeowners and families we serve.

Another way to continue your support of MATE is by becoming a MATE stockholder or sponsor. We need you! We cannot do this without your financial support, so I am asking for your help in continuing this important mission ministry.

In recent years, the work at MATE has been modified due to the pandemic.

Therefore, the success of this

ministry means more now than ever. Funding is necessary to purchase building materials such as siding, roofing supplies, and lumber. Financial support also is needed to help with lodging, meals, and transportation for the participating work teams. There are several ways for you to purchase stock to support MATE:

- A 2022 CHPC MATE Trip sponsor card has been included in this month’s newsletter. Please fill out the card and return it with your donation. All checks are to be made payable to CHPC; please indicate that your donation is for MATE. Place it in the offering plate any Sunday or mail it to the church office.
- You also may make a direct donation to MATE through our church website.
- Or, you can visit our CHPC Facebook page and make your donation there.

MATE stock sales and sponsorships raised more than \$16,000 in 2021. Thank you for your past generosity. Let us see if we can reach that goal again.

Please contact me with any questions at mfssail@comcast.net or by phone at (717) 645-0845.

~Peace in Christ,
Ellen Smith



Ward Sarnis and Joshua Stewart repaired a roof during last year’s MATE trip.

GIVE/SERVE

Birthday Offering Celebrates 100 Years of Giving

This year, Presbyterian Women National and International are celebrating a century of the PW Birthday Offering.

This offering, which takes place each spring, gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. Each year, it funds up to five projects in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000. Grant requests come from a variety of national and international sources, including PC(USA) governing bodies, health agencies, overseas churches, ecumenical councils, community groups, educational institutions, and church-related groups.

The two recipients chosen to receive grants for 2022 are:

■ *Mission at the Eastward McCleary House Transitional Housing Farmington, Maine*

The Birthday Offering grant will help renovate McCleary House for people experiencing homelessness. Poverty has been increasing in Maine, with a growing number of vulnerable people losing their homes due to job loss, eviction, sickness, or economic hardship — all complicated by the pandemic. The renovated transitional home will provide a safe space for individuals to begin the psycho-social, educational, and vocational work needed to move forward with their lives.

■ *Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand Lares, Puerto Rico*

Following Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the January 2020 earthquakes in Puerto Rico, the Presbyterian Church in Lares has become the go-to location in the community for food,

purified water, and personal items. The area's elderly and infirmed population relies on the church for help with necessities. Because the church's kitchen is small, dated, and not code compliant, upgrades are needed to continue providing this ministry. With funding from the Birthday Offering, all appliances, wiring, lighting, and plumbing will be replaced and the facility will be made ADA-accessible. Solar panels and a heavy-duty generator will be installed to provide uninterrupted electrical service and water availability.

Offering envelopes will be available in the pews beginning Sunday, April 24. Please give generously to this outreach effort, which has been improving the lives of those in need for 100 years.

~Gail Mark



MATE Registration Deadline Is April 15

Our annual mission trip to MATE in Farmington, Maine, will be held Saturday, July 16, through Saturday, July 23. If you are age 14 or older, please join Pastor Stuart and others from CHPC on this intentionally intergenerational trip to

work with the MATE Housing Ministry. No prior experience is necessary! This is a great week of faith, friends, service, and fun! Full information and registration forms can be found in the CHPC Gathering Place or on the church website.

If you need financial assistance or have any questions about the trip, please contact me at nflint.home@gmail.com or (717) 576-1513.

You must register by Friday, April 15, so sign up today!

~Nancy Flint



Lydia Keller at MATE

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Exciting Programs Planned for Kirk Kids, Youth

■ Youth Sunday will be held during 10:30 a.m. worship Sunday, April 24. All middle school and high school youth are invited to participate. Contact me at sseelman@thechpc.com for more information.

■ Confirmation is set for Pentecost, Sunday, June 5, during 10:30 a.m. worship. For the past year, six youth have diligently studied and discerned Christian beliefs and spiritual practices through the Apostles' Creed

and Lord's Prayer, preparing to confirm their baptismal vows. We are so excited to celebrate with Alaina, Anne Gray, Elizabeth, Joshua, Katherine, and Parker!

■ Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School! Join us each morning Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24 for our "Food Truck Party"-themed week, which will conclude with an actual food truck party the afternoon/evening of June 24. Stay tuned for more info.

■ Planning is underway for CHPC summer trips. The CHPC Youth are attending the Montreat Youth Conference Sunday, July 24, through Saturday, July 30. Email me at sseelman@thechpc.com for more information and to register for this exciting opportunity!

~Stuart Seelman



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April Dates to Remember:

- Noonday Organ Recital — Wednesday, April 6, 12:15 p.m.
- Palm Sunday Service — Sunday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.
- Special Congregational Meeting — Sunday, April 10, 11:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday Service — Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m.
- Good Friday Prayer Service — Friday, April 15, noon
- Easter Sunday — Sunday, April 17 (see schedule on Page 2)
- Board of Deacons Meeting — Monday, April 18, 7 p.m.
- Youth Sunday — Sunday, April 24, 10:30 a.m.
- Session Meeting — Monday, April 25, 7 p.m.