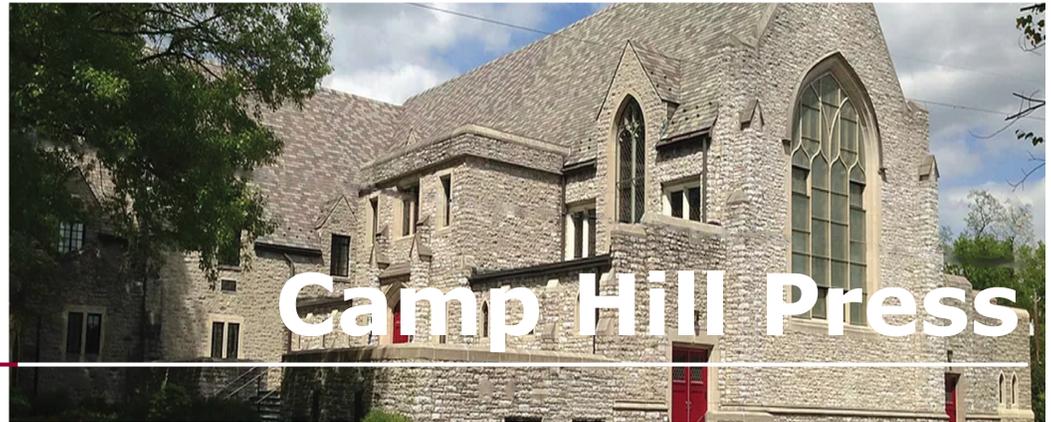


November 2021



Pastor's Note: Coming 'Home' for Christmas

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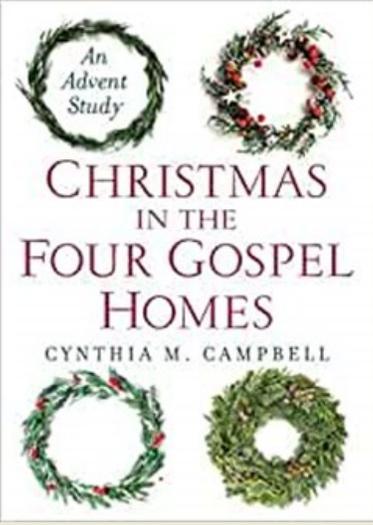
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Dear Friends,
Last year, we were all at home for Christmas. Thanks be to God, this Christmas we will again gather in our church family "home."
During Advent worship on Sunday mornings, we will prepare our hearts to receive Him as we light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Through our Advent

Study, we will seek a greater understanding of the mystery of the incarnation. Then, on Christmas Eve, there will be three wonderful opportunities to celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord.

I hope you will come "home" for this holiest and joyous time of the year.
~Yours for the journey,
Nancy





An Advent Study

**CHRISTMAS
IN THE
FOUR GOSPEL
HOMES**

CYNTHIA M. CAMPBELL

**Advent Study
Wednesdays,
Dec. 1, 8, 15, & 22
9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Led by
Pastors Nancy & Stuart**

How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes," beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a "house," which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, author Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel.

ABOUT



This year, CHPC will offer three Christmas Eve opportunities to celebrate Christ's birth. Join us on Friday, Dec. 24, for the following:

■ **'LIVE THE STORY':
A LIVE-ACTION
CHRISTMAS STORY
WALK; 4 P.M.**

Start your journey by gathering in the parking lot, warmed with hot chocolate by firepits, singing Christmas carols and using glow sticks to light the way. Take an active role in a new telling of the old story of Jesus' birth in stations across our church campus.

We're counting on you to tell your friends and neighbors about this chance for community and Christmas cheer.

■ **A TRADITIONAL
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE OF LESSONS
& CAROLS; 7 P.M.**

The bells will ring, the choir will sing. The Nativity will be told before the night is old. Candles will alight as we join in "Silent Night."

■ **A MEDITATIVE
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE; 10 P.M.**

After all the stockings are "hung by the chimney with care," we invite you into the

calm and stillness of this Holy Night to celebrate the gift of Love and Light born on Christmas Day. We will hear anew the message of Christmas through a variety of readings: some from the Bible and some from other sources. We will "sing a new song," while keeping a sense of tradition by singing familiar Christmas Eve carols and ending with a candlelight version of "Silent Night."

~Staff

CHRISTMAS EVE WISH LIST

If you have the following items we could borrow for "Live the Story," please contact Pastor Nancy (nconklin@thechpc.com) or Pastor Stuart (sseelman@thechpc.com):

- Firepits
- Tents or canopies

Or, reach out if you like to join the story as a:

- Storyteller
- Shepherd
- Guide

NOONDAY ORGAN RECITAL

Join us for a free Wednesday afternoon of food and music: a light luncheon served at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by a 30-minute organ recital at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

- Dec. 1 — Victor Fields, St. Paul's Lutheran Church & Temple Beth-Israel (York)
- Feb. 2 — Tyler Canonico, Market Square Presbyterian Church (Harrisburg)
- March 2 — Grant Wareham, Derry Presbyterian Church (Hershey)
- April 6 — Jerrold Tidwell, Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

ABOUT

Session Highlights: New Action Items Addressed

The CHPC Session met virtually via Zoom for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 25. Action items approved by Session were:

- A motion to resume passing the offering plates, serving communion, and allowing seating in all rows of the Sanctuary (continuing with all persons masked).
- The baptism of Theodore Paul Harner, son of Hannah and Joseph Harner, was approved for Saturday, Oct. 30, with the Rev. Nancy A. Conklin officiating. Due to COVID-19 precautions, the

baptism will be held apart from public worship and will be attended by a limited group of family and friends.

- A motion from the Worship and Fine Arts Ministry to approve the Christmas Eve worship schedule.
- A motion from the Mission Outreach Ministry to designate offerings received on Christmas Eve for the Christian Churches United Winter Overnight Shelter.
- A motion from the Christian Education and Nurture Ministry to approve the 2021-2022 CHPC Preschool Budget.

■ A motion from the Worship and Fine Arts Ministry, in consultation with Staff Commission, to approve a revised CHPC fee schedule for services provided for weddings and funerals.

■ A motion to allocate monies from the Rainy Day Fund (approximately \$15,000) to cover a shortfall in funding for the building water remediation project in progress.

■ The Treasurer's Report was approved (see Page 6).

~Beth Fine



PW Enjoys Pumpkin-Themed Fall Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of CHPC's annual Fall Gathering was held Sunday, Oct. 3, in Fellowship Hall. The 25 members in attendance were treated to a "Pumpkin Party" with fall decorations, pumpkin chili, and pumpkin desserts.

The event's guest speaker was Margee Kooistra, who shared stories of her many peacemaking trips to the Holy Land and the challenging lives of Palestinians.

PW Moderator Lisa Love then called for a short business meeting. Among items discussed was the

Election Day Bake Sale, which was slated for Tuesday, Nov. 2. With CHPC now being used as a polling place, PW plans to raise funds for its mission work by selling treats, light lunch foods, and craft items when voting occurs.

Also discussed was the upcoming Thank Offering service, scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21 (read more on Page 6).

The PW Christmas Coffee will be held Thursday, Dec. 2, in Fellowship Hall. See upcoming "CHPCConnections" emails for more information.

~Gail Mark



Gwen Fourson, left, prepared delicious pumpkin chili for PW's recent "Pumpkin Party," while Pam Thompson, right, was in charge of organizing and decorating for the fun and informative gathering.

ABOUT



Preschool Corner: Events Celebrate Autumn Joy

The preschool has been busy enjoying the changing of the season by exploring outside and learning all about fall. Instead of going on a field trip to a pumpkin patch this year, we had our very own CHPC Preschool pumpkin patch, where the students enjoyed finding pumpkins with their names on them.

We celebrated the season with the “Room on the Broom” story walk. We then had a fun week of Halloween activities that included a parade and “Trunk-or-Treat.” The children had a fantastic time dressing up in their costumes and collecting goodies.

The preschool is now busy working on organizing our Fall Harvest Festival, which will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10. It will be a fun evening event for our families to come out, play some games, look at the students’ fall artwork, and purchase a snack or two from the food trucks out front.

Also in November, the preschool is planning a schoolwide “Disguise-a-Turkey” project. Students will work with their families to help their favorite feathered friends escape the oven this Thanksgiving with clever turkey

disguises! Make sure to walk through the halls of the Kuhn Education Wing to see all the creative ideas.

Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner and our little ones would be so happy to see Santa roaming our halls and peeking into our classrooms in December. If you are interested in being Santa’s “stand-in” or know him, please contact me at (717) 761-6003 or dtarnoci@thechpc.com.

We appreciate all your help and support. We wouldn’t be able to do it without all of you! Thank you!

~Dana Tarnoci



October was full of Halloween happiness at the CHPC Preschool. At left, retired teacher Bernice Ryder (sitting) and her daughter, Char Shank, were joined by a furry friend while handing out treats during the preschool’s “Trunk-or-Treat.” On a lovely autumn day, at right, students listened as teacher Deb Witzig read from a “Room on the Broom” story walk panel.

ABOUT

Member Q&A: Active at CHPC in Retirement

This month, Alice Crossland answers our questions about what she and husband, Dean, enjoy at CHPC and in other aspects of their life now that they are retired.

Q: When did you join CHPC?

A: We joined in 1999.

Q: What brought you to CHPC?

A: My husband, Dean, transferred to the home office of Penn National Insurance. He worked there for 43 years before retirement in 2018. I transferred to Hills department store and then started my career in banking, where I worked for 22 years until I retired in 2020.

Q: What activities were you involved in at CHPC?

A: I became a deacon in 2020. I always wanted to be a part of church activities. Now that I am retired, I can make the commitment that is needed. I am involved with philanthropy, congregational outreach, communication, and fellowship.

Q: Please tell us about your family.

A: Dean and I were both born and raised in Irwin. We attended the same high school, Norwin Senior High. We married on June 19, 1976.

We have two boys, Sean Glen Crossland and Patrick Michael



Dean and Alice Crossland with their 3-year-old Sheltie, Chloe.

Crossland. They both live in Mechanicsburg and both are married: Sean's wife is Jamie and Patrick's wife is Dominique. We also have a 3-year-old Sheltie, Chloe.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

A: Biking and hiking, but our first love is traveling to Disney World and Disneyland. We are what you would call "Disney enthusiasts."

Q: What is your favorite memory of CHPC?

A: I loved watching the young children singing during the church service. I loved the children's sermon. One time, I even joined them. I may not be a child,

but I will always be a child at heart.

Q: Advice to younger members?

A: There are a lot of older church members and you should take time to sit with them, because they are good sources of information. They have a lot of stories to tell. We can all learn from the older members of the church.

Q: Favorite scripture verse?

A: Psalm 85.

~Alice Crossland, as told to Ellen Smith

GIVE



Total receipts for September, the third month of our fiscal year, were \$36,597.91 and total expenses were \$42,817.79. Year-to-date receipts total \$118,482.03 and year-to-date expenses total \$129,243.12, thus leaving us with a year-to-date deficit of \$10,761.09. We now have filled the two vacant staff positions, so 2021-22 is going to be a more challenging year financially.

Thanks to everyone for your gifts!

Contribution statements for the period ending Sept. 30 were mailed the third week of October. If you find any errors in your statement, please contact me at (717) 503-6518 or dwatts@mwn.com.

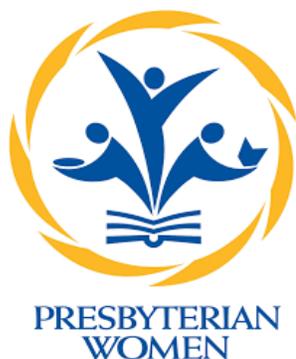
If you have not forwarded your 2021-22 Estimate of Giving Card to the CHPC office, please do so as soon as you can so we can

complete our stewardship campaign. You also may call in or email your estimate of giving to Andrea at (717) 737-0488 or aebeling@thechpc.com.

During this difficult time, we are asking those of you who are not attending the Sunday services in person to please mail your contributions to the church office at 101 N. 23rd St., Camp Hill, PA 17011.

~David Watts

Give Generously to Annual PW Thank Offering



The CHPC Presbyterian Women Fall Thank Offering service will take place Sunday, Nov. 21, with envelopes placed in the pew pockets at the start of the month. The keynote speaker for the service is Aisha Mobely, community mobilization and street outreach coordinator at Christian Churches United, as well as the leader of the CCU initiative, Compassion Action Network.

The PW Thank Offering has been ongoing since 1888, when each woman was urged to give above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Women

have been responding to this "thank offering to the Lord" ever since then and have raised tens of millions of dollars for mission work at home and around the globe.

Some of the 12 grant recipients for 2021 include:

- Hagar's Community Church, Tacoma, Wash. — A new church development planted inside the Washington Corrections Center for women, it provides ministry to empower incarcerated women so they may seek their own spiritual connections to God.

- Operation Desert Drop, Concord, N.C. — A program that delivers food to families who lack reliable

transportation and reside in high-need neighborhoods lacking grocery stores.

- Puerta Abierta (Open Door) and Libros Abiertos (Open Books), Santiago, Guatemala — A program that will provide funding to reach 3,200 mostly indigenous students through intensive support, training, and professional development for Guatemalan teachers in areas where schools do not have books and resource.

Thank you for giving generously to the 2021 CHPC Fall Thank Offering. "Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors." (Proverbs 8:34)

~Gail Mark

Contest Raises Funds for New Hope Ministries

Many thanks to the CHPC Board of Deacons and their families who provided jack-o'-lanterns for our second annual Pumpkin Carving Contest on Sunday, Oct. 24. Additional gratitude goes to the generosity of members of our congregation, who raised \$215.50 for New Hope Ministries by voting on their favorite pumpkins.

This year's creativity did not disappoint. We had a duck, a

ghost, a barn, and a baby Yoda. We also had John Calvin, a holy pumpkin, and even a few traditional jack-o'-lanterns.

Congratulations to all who participated, in particular our youngest winner to date. Cora Harner took home her first golden pumpkin at age 4 with her abstract "Pumpkin in Pink & Black."

~Joe Harner



Among the many entries in this year's Pumpkin Carving Contest was the first-place abstract design, far left, created by young Cora Harner.

Preschool Thankful for Donation of Supplies

The CHPC Preschool would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Board of Deacons' Backpack and School Supplies fundraiser. This year, the BASS project, in addition to supporting Steelton-Highspire School

District, provided supplies to our classrooms.

Each teacher picked items need in their rooms. Some of the items purchased included: sentence strips, dot markers, felt and yarn,

pipe cleaners, dual lens magnifiers, all types of paper, stencils, magnetic tiles, kitchen play food, and carpet sit spots.

Thank you, CHPC!

~Dana Tarnoci



A curious preschooler uses a new magnifier to get a closer look at a cross-cut apple, while other students pose to say "thanks" for the new supply of crafting papers.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Intergenerational Ministries Thriving at CHPC

This fall, we are full steam ahead with nurture, fellowship, and fun programs for folks of all ages.

Our children's Sunday school continues to meet with me and volunteers in the Peace Garden to learn, play, and create through the theme "Named and Naming." As the weather gets chilly, we plan a return

to online and take-home offerings.

Our sixth- through 12th-grade youth are active in study, discussion, and socializing with confirmation studies of the Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed, exploration of current issues and social justice intersections in faith, and events for fun and fellowship.

Meanwhile, a burgeoning young adult group called "Conventicles" is kicking off with monthly impromptu events.

To get on the email list for either of these three ministries, or to get involved in planning and teaching, contact me at sseelman@thechpc.com.

~ Stuart Seelman



Pastor Stuart recently joined CHPC youth for a round of miniature golf during an intergenerational outing to City Island. He's also getting out in the community, helping Linda Zimmerman represent the church and preschool during Camp Hill Borough's Harvest Hop event.

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Send "Camp Hill Press" submissions by the fourth Wednesday of the previous month to Andrea Ebeling, aebeling@thechpc.com.

November Dates to Remember:

- Service of Healing and Wholeness — Sunday, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Fall Harvest Festival — Wednesday, Nov. 10, 5 p.m.
- Church Office Closed for Veterans Day — Thursday, Nov. 11
- Dorcas Circle Meeting — Thursday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m.
- Board of Deacons Meeting — Monday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.
- Session Meeting — Monday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m.
- First Sunday in Advent — Sunday, Nov. 28