

June/July 2021



Pastor's Note: Longing for Summer of Renewal

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Summertime, and the livin' is easy.

—“Summertime” from “Porgy and Bess”

Dear Friends,
Certainly, this summer, we are all longing for this season of re-creation. We are looking forward to reconnecting with family and friends, taking that long-awaited vacation, or traveling as we had hoped to do last summer. As you read a few months ago, I will be on an extended prayer retreat until Monday, July 5. In my absence, the Rev.

Don Potter will provide pastoral coverage. He will lead worship, provide emergency pastoral care, continue his visitation ministry, and officiate at any funerals that might occur. Additionally, he will moderate the June Session meeting and facilitate the first two weeks of Prayer Fellowship. Don will not be maintaining office hours, but will be available by cell phone as needed.

Our new associate pastor will relocate into the manse the first week of June and

become acquainted with the area prior to beginning his ministry among us Thursday, July 1.

In the Brief Statement of Faith, we affirm our trust in the “Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.” My prayer for all of you is to experience the Spirit’s renewal this summer.

May the Lord watch between us while we are absent one from another.

Yours for the journey,
Nancy

Summer Sermons Focus on ‘Fruit of the Spirit’

One of the more delectable parts of summer is the fresh fruit that is ripe at this time of the year — red juicy watermelon, fresh succulent strawberries, luscious peaches, and mouth-watering grapes — all the makings for a delicious and refreshing fruit salad.



During this season of summer, we also celebrate the season of Pentecost, an appropriate time to take a closer look at the fruit of Spirit.

Just as fruit grows on a tree, the fruit of the Spirit grows

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from the life of the Spirit dwelling within us. Then, as Jesus commissioned us, we are able to bear fruit that will last into the lives of others and our world. Each week in worship this summer, beginning Sunday, July 11, we will study a different fruit in our spiritual fruit basket. Please join us Sunday mornings, or during our new outdoor vespers services on Sunday evenings.

~Nancy Conklin

'Fruit of the Spirit' Sermon Series

Sunday Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Informal Worship (Vespers), 5 p.m., Peace Garden

July 11 – A Succulent Spiritual Life

July 18 – The Fruit of the Spirit Is Love

July 25 – The Fruit of the Spirit Is Joy

Aug. 1 – The Fruit of the Spirit Is Peace

Aug. 8 – The Fruit of the Spirit Is Patience

Aug. 15 – The Fruit of the Spirit Is Kindness

Aug. 22 – The Fruit of the Spirit Is Generosity

Aug. 29 – The Fruit of the Spirit Is Faithfulness

Sept. 5 – The Fruit of the Spirit Is Gentleness

Sept. 12 – The Fruit of the Spirit Is Self-Control

Evening Services Debut, Other Events Planned

**"Except for the point,
the still point,
there would be no
dance, and there is
only the dance."
–T.S. Eliot**

Offerings this summer at CHPC include:

■ **"The Still Point,"**
CHPC's new summer
vespers service, begins
Sunday, July 11, at 5 p.m.
in the Peace Garden.

These weekly services will be a time to come and breathe in God's renewing grace, reorienting ourselves toward God's Word. We will use a variety of expressions of scripture, prayer, and song as we move into the rhythm of a new week of work, school, play, and rest.

■ **An Inquirers Brunch**
for new CHPC attendees

interested in learning more
about our church is
scheduled for Sunday,
Aug. 15, following the
worship service.

Are you new to our congregation and seeking to learn more about who we are and all the ministries here at CHPC? Are you wondering, "What is a Presbyterian?" If so, you are invited to join me for conversation and a light brunch following worship on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Please RSVP to the church office or speak with Pastor Nancy for more information.

■ **Second Sunday Socials**
will be held June 13, July

11, and Aug. 8 following
9:30 a.m. worship.

The Fellowship and Membership Ministry will host these events, which will feature a continental breakfast served in the Peace Garden immediately following the service. In case of rain, the breakfast will take place in the Gathering Place.

■ **Wednesday Walks**
continue each week at
6:30 p.m.

Meet up at City Island for a casual stroll with your church family.

~Nancy Conklin and
Sue Rothman

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Spring Events Reunite Presbyterian Women

CHPC's Presbyterian Women held two events in May, reuniting after a long year apart.

■ The PW Spring Gathering was held May 16 following worship.

Lunch was "BYOB" (bring your own brown-bag), with drinks and desserts provided. Amongst fresh flowers and table decorations donated by outgoing PW moderator Pam Thompson, the conversations between friends not seen for some time was enthusiastic.

The Rev. Nancy Conklin offered the invocation before lunch. Following the meal, a business meeting was held. Dolores Peffley read a devotional, sharing, "None of us can do everything, but we each can do something. Sometimes our talents and abilities change as we age, and we need the courage to continue to strive toward our best self. We each need to find our specialty in every season of life and make the most of it."

After approval of the minutes and the treasurer's report, the Dedication of the Least Coin was performed by Alice Lebo. Discussion about the PW Birthday Offering, which supports mission projects throughout the world, followed.

The election of officers came next, with a report from Jill Williamson, PW Nominating Committee chair. All were in favor of the slate of officers as presented. The installation was performed by Pastor Nancy, who stepped in for Pam Thompson.

Though Pam could not be with the group physically, she was able to join the celebration via Zoom and her presence was clearly felt. In Pam's report, read by Pastor Nancy, she shared "talking" to the late Kathy Kuhn, asking for guidance in the task of handing over the gavel. Pam wrote that, when she walked outside her home while having this conversation with Kathy, a rainbow appeared and the idea for the installation was born. So, each new and returning officer was given a

carnation with a silk ribbon denoting a color of the rainbow: Lisa Love, moderator, red; Andrea Ebeling, vice moderator, indigo; Laura Robinson, secretary, yellow; Alice Lebo, treasurer, blue; Joann Fissel, assistant treasurer, violet; Gail Mark, communicator, orange; Hannah Harner, Search Team member, green. Also returning to the leadership team are Jill Williamson, Search Team chair, and Jackie Stalter, search team member.

In conclusion, Pam's service noted that all officers, like the colors of rainbow, will work together for the common good of PW.

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Enjoying the PW Spring Gathering were, from left, first picture, Carol Jamieson and Linda Kelley (with Lisa Love in background) and, second picture, Joann Fissel and Nancy Flint.

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"Art is when we do work that matters in a creative way, in a way that touches [people] and changes them for the better."
- Seth Godin

Music Notes: Summer Pickup Choir Open to All

If you enjoy singing and fellowship, but worry about committing to a regular rehearsal schedule, we have an opportunity just for you. No weeknight rehearsals. The Summer Pickup Choir meets weekly on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the choir loft. Music specific to the worship service will be provided — all that is missing is you!

Why join the choir? Singing in choir gives you musical, physical, social, mental, and spiritual rewards. Here are the top reasons you should consider singing in choir:

- You will have the opportunity to sing a variety

of songs from different styles and cultures, read music, and develop great vocal technique.

- Singing in a choir is a great way to build relationships with people who have a common interest — making music!

- Singing is great for your health. It gives you more energy, while improving your immune system and strengthening muscles and lung capacity. People who sing have less stress and are in a better mood.

- Singing in choir will build thinking skills, such as concentration, memory, and listening.

Calling all Men!

We need your voice for the upcoming Presbyterian Men Sunday. We will meet in the choir loft at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 20, to sing through the hymns and possible special music.

Please join us!

- You will be able to express yourself in a creative way.

- You already have a beautiful instrument!

~Jerrold Tidwell

PW Reunited in May, continued from Page 3

With no other business to discuss, the door prize drawing was held, and Bobbie Kitzmiller took home the gardening basket prize. A motion was made to adjourn, and all in favor responded with "Amen."

PW looks forward to seeing all women of CHPC at the Fall Gathering.

■ Dorcas Circle reunited on May 13 in Christian love and fellowship after a long hiatus.

The meeting began with a devotional and prayer

requests, followed by discussion of fundraising during the November election day, since CHPC now is a polling site. Because of being "dormant" for the past year, PW's groups need to work on building up the treasury for upcoming giving projects.

Dorcas Circle enjoyed holding their meeting in the midst of the CHPC Preschool Art Show. Many circle members purchased raffle tickets from the show's basket fundraiser.

It was decided the Thursday, July 8, lunch will be held at noon at Isaac's Restaurant in the West Shore Plaza. Please RSVP to me for this event at (717) 763-0845.

Reports were presented, including Linda Kelly's noting that work at the Ecumenical Food Pantry was set to resume May 27.

Linda then led Bible study, sharing that Laura Robinson will lead next year with the topic "What My Grandmothers Taught Me."

~Gail Mark

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Member Q&A: Spotlight on Libby Payne

This month, our Member Q&A returns with a focus on longtime member Libby Payne.

Q: When did you join CHPC?

A: My husband John and I joined CHPC in 1981.

Q: What brought you here?

A: We were looking for a church and had attended several Methodist churches in the area. We had originally tried the Presbyterian church, but found it to be not very welcoming. We tried the Presbyterian church again and it was much better. Everyone was very friendly.

Q: What activities were you involved in at CHPC?

A: The Rev. Bill Murphey said, "When you join a church, get involved in three things." Over the years, I became very busy with church and I loved it. I was president of the Dorcas Circle. ... I attended MATE for five years: The first year I painted and the next four years I worked in the kitchen. I helped in the church kitchen with Lenten Family Night dinners and the organ recitals. My husband, John, taught the Inquirers Sunday School class.

Q: Please tell us about your family.

A: John and I were from Centralia. I met him through my brother when we were

little kids. John was in World War II with the U.S. Army. When he returned, he attended Franklin and Marshall, studying pre-med for a short time, but then decided to reenlist. I attended the Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia and received a degree in fashion design. We married in 1947, one week after my college graduation.

John worked as a medical service administrator in the Army and was also in charge of the dispensaries. We traveled the world with the military, and I loved it. We have six children. Our first son, John, was born in Japan. Our next three sons, Sam, Jim, and Mike, were born in Georgia, and our twins, son Bill and daughter Kimber, were born in France.

John retired from the Army in 1970. We were looking for a place to retire and returned to Pennsylvania in 1971. We moved to the Pinebrook neighborhood in Mechanicsburg. John worked for the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown as an assistant administrator. He passed away in 1995. I have 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

A: I love to sew. I used my degree in fashion design on myself and my family.

Q: What is your favorite memory of CHPC?

A: The people of our church and meeting new people is a favorite memory. Also, the Bible studies, working in the church kitchen, and the women I have met over the years.

Q: Advice to younger members?

A: Go to church and be a part of things in the church.

Q: Favorite scripture verse?

A: 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13 — "Love is patient, love is kind ... love never fails."

~Libby Payne, as told to Ellen Smith



Libby Payne, center, and her late husband, John, joined CHPC in 1981. She is pictured here with her six children.

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In May, our families had a wonderful time enjoying everyone's artwork at the Preschool Art Show. Our fundraising raffle was a huge success, raising \$1,000! Thank you to everyone who volunteered items and/or bought tickets.

The students spent the last week of school celebrating their friends and everything summer will bring. You could feel and hear the excitement in the air.

Our pre-K class was able to have an end-of-year celebration, performing songs they learned this year, including "You Are My Sunshine," accompanied by CHPC music director Jerrold Tidwell. They also recited their "ABCs of CHPC Preschool," created by their teachers (see sidebar).

As we begin to wrap up the school year, we are looking forward to starting a new tradition. The preschool will be offering playgroups on Wednesdays throughout the summer. This will give our students an opportunity to reconnect with friends, make new friendships, and hopefully ease any anxiety of being away from home this fall when the new school year starts.

There were many challenges throughout the year, but we

are so pleased with how we rallied and overcame any obstacles that came our way. A special thank you goes out to the teachers, preschool families, CHPC staff, and all the members of the church who helped us along the way.

We couldn't have done it without your support!

We hope everyone has a great summer, and we can't wait to share all of our exciting plans for the new school year in a couple of months!

~Dana Tarnoci

CHPC PreK's 'ABC's of Preschool'

- A is for art show and "Angel Wings and Bubbles."
- B is for the bike room and the butterflies we watched grow.
- C is for "Candy Cane Science." C is also for circle time. C is for weekly crafts.
- D is for how much we all "dug" dinosaurs this year.
- E is for the egg hunt we enjoyed at Easter.
- F is for the Four Corners game we loved to play. F is for the friends we made.
- G is for going on a bear hunt. G is also for glue sticks — lots and lots of glue sticks were used this year.
- H is for Heggerty Phonics.
- I is for the icky insects we loved to learn about.
- J is for the jellyfish we made with hair gel, and Jack Hartman, our favorite singer.
- K is for kid writing — we got so good at this!
- L is for the letter books we made each week, and for the leprechaun visit to our classroom. L is also for how much we have come to love each of your children this year.
- M is for masks and marshmallow Peeps in the microwave.
- N is for Nancy. Pastor Nancy came to read to us each month.
- O is for the octopus we learned and read about.
- P is for the play yard, where we ran and climbed and played.
- Q is for questions. We answered a question of the day each morning and talked about it.
- R is for the reading center, where we could relax!
- S is for sanitizer, show-and-tell, and science experiments.
- T is for Tarnoci. Mrs. Tarnoci dedicated herself to our school this year, and we couldn't have had the year we did without her!
- U is for the unicorn song we loved to sing. It's also for unicorn shirts — which the girls in our class loved this year.
- V is for the Venus fly trap that was brought in for show-and-tell.
- W is for the word wall, which kept us on track. It was also for reminders to use walking feet.
- X is for X-ray crafts.
- Y is for yoga. We did yoga every week for each letter.
- Z is for zzz's. After an exciting, fun-filled year, we may all need some sleep!

ABOUT/GIVE

Session Highlights: Mask-Wearing Still in Effect

The CHPC Session met virtually via Zoom conferencing for its regular monthly meeting on May 24.

Among the action items approved by Session were:

- A motion to continue the wearing of masks and the practice of social distancing

in worship until further notice.

- A motion from the Worship and Fine Arts Ministry to offer a vespers service with communion on Sundays at 5 p.m. in the Weirick Peace Garden beginning Sunday, July 11.

- A motion from the Worship and Fine Arts

Ministry to host the New Cumberland Town Band in concert in the sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m.

- A motion from the Property and Maintenance Commission to allocate an additional \$20,000 from the Memorial Fund for the water remediation project.

~Beth Fine



Treasurer's Report: Current Fiscal Year Status

If you are not attending the Sunday service in person, we ask you to please mail your contributions to the CHPC office. Also, please help us with this year's stewardship campaign by returning your commitment cards promptly.

Contributions for the 10-month period ending

April 30 were \$349,392.59. This is about \$40,000 behind where we were for the same period last year. With year-to-date receipts as of April 30 at \$443,577.50 and year-to-date expenses at \$414,059.54, year-to-date receipts exceed year-to-date expenses by \$29,517.96. The excess of receipts over expenses is

mostly attributable to staff expenses being about \$60,000 below that projected for 10 months into the year because of vacant positions. With these positions being filled, contributions will need to increase.

Thanks for your generosity!

~David Watts

CARE



CHPC participated in the Christian Churches United Walk for a Healthy Community on City Island on May 23. The walk benefited the Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven and other programs. CHPC's team goal originally was \$500, but more than \$1,200 ended up being raised. Proceeds from T-shirt sales also will be donated to CCU. Pictured, left to right, are Lydia Keller, Lisa Love, Nancy Conklin, Jerrold Tidwell, Sue Rothman, Sandy McBride, and Bobbie Kitzmiller.

CARE



Deacons' Digest: Volunteering Again at DDB

After a long year away, the deacons are proud to announce that we are once again serving meals at Downtown Daily Bread. The staff at DDB have been doing a phenomenal job of serving those in need during COVID-19 without the help of volunteers. But, with limited staff at the facility on weekends, they were eager for the time when we could safely return to lend a hand with Saturday lunch service.

With new CDC guidelines and plentiful vaccine availability, the decision was made by DDB to once again open its doors to volunteers. My husband, Kyle, and I were thrilled to kick things off on May 22.

Things at DDB look a little different than they did a year ago. There are fewer people coming in to eat, and those who do come don't stay for long. Chairs are spread 6 feet apart and most folks don't socialize as much as they once did.

There is a wall of plexiglass between the serving station and the dining room, a familiar but necessary sight these days. Despite that physical barrier, we were able to connect with the clients and share some mask-covered smiles.

Our dedicated deacons have felt the call to return to service. Our rotation is in place and CHPC volunteers are again serving at DDB

every Saturday afternoon. We are thankful to once again feel that wonderful feeling that comes from helping others and doing the work God calls us to do.

If you would like to volunteer at Downtown Daily Bread, reach out to the church office or any CHPC deacon for more information.

~Betsy Obnstad



Kyle Obnstad helped out at Downtown Daily Bread on May 22. He and wife Betsy were the first CHPC volunteers to return to DDB since the pandemic.

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June/July Dates to Remember:

- Office Closed — Week of June 14
- Board of Deacons Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, June 21, 7 p.m.
- Session Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, June 28, 7 p.m.
- Office Closed — Monday, July 5
- Vespers Service Begins — Sunday, July 11, 5 p.m.