

March 2021



Pastor's Note: Journeying Through Holy Week

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Dear Friends,
 Our Lenten journey to the way of the cross brings us to the final week — Holy Week. It is a week that starts with the triumphal entry into the Holy City where, soon, the cheering crowds will become jeering crowds, no longer praising Jesus but condemning him. How quickly the tide can turn. As we journey through Holy Week, let us become aware of all our sin and brokenness needing to be nailed to the cross. Hearing the stories of those who encountered Jesus during his last days, may they remind us of Christ's healing power of forgiveness and of our need for it in our own lives.

We begin on Monday, six days before the Feast of Passover. Jesus is at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. A dinner was given in his honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then, Mary took a bottle of expensive perfume,

poured it on Jesus' feet, and wiped his feet with her hair — and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray Jesus, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "She has showered me with an extravagant gift of love and devotion."

As we reflect on this story: *Do we allow the love of Christ dwelling within us to lead us to actions others might consider to be too extreme, extravagant, or, like Judas, a waste of our time and resources? Where do we draw the line between those we will and won't "anoint" with mercy and kindness?*

The next day, some Greeks who also had traveled to



worship at the Passover festival came to Philip and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." To plant wheat, a farmer harrows the soil to break it up and smooth it out. He then digs shallow trenches

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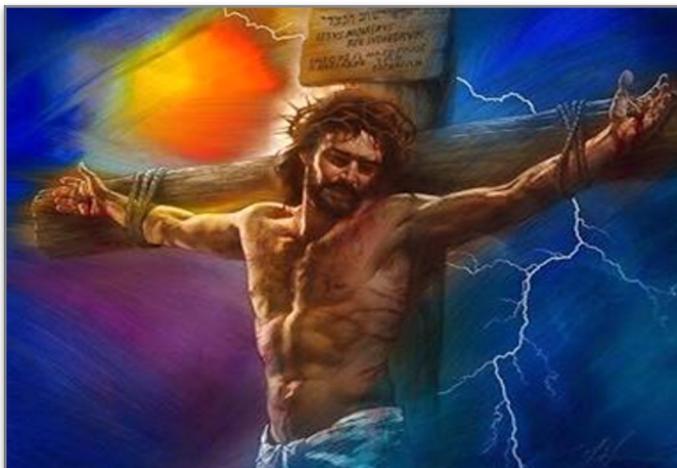
"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

to create a bed for the seeds. Finally, he drops the wheat seeds into the trench, covers them with the loosened soil, prays for rain, and waits for the Lord of the harvest to go to work. In Jesus' day, and in our own farmers' day, drop one grain of wheat at a time and the single grain lies there in the bosom of the earth of so much life. Two bushels of kernels sown into it, a grain at a time, yields enough wheat for about 2,500 loaves of bread.

will betray me." The disciples looked at one another thinking, "Who could he be talking about?" John found the courage to ask, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish."

So, when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. After Simon received the piece of bread, Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going

Deep is the pain of betrayal, especially by someone we love and in whom we have placed our trust. It creates bitterness and resentment within us. Most obvious is when we breach trust in our committed relationship. Less obvious, betrayal includes when we stop recognizing, thanking, and appreciating the ones we love, who can feel overburdened and under-appreciated. In community, betrayal is to disparage, break confidence, or spread gossip or rumors. Is the Lord inviting you to release your own bitterness, or inviting you to seek reconciliation for your own act of betrayal in a relationship?



What in your life deadens your spiritual life, robbing you of the joy Christ came to bring you? What seed of resurrection might grow within you that you might bear an abundance of new life for the sake of your Savior?

On the night of Passover, Jesus was at the table with his disciples. He became deeply troubled in spirit and declared, "Someone here

to do." Judas got up and left, walking into the darkness of night and into the darkness of his soul. Judas was a lover of money. He was willing to steal funds intended to help the poor in order to enrich himself. His dishonesty made Judas' heart hard enough to betray Jesus into the hands of wicked men.

The Thursday of Holy Week is known as "Maundy Thursday," referring to the Latin word for commandment, *mandatum*. Jesus both states and enacts his new commandment — that we love one another as he has loved us. To show the disciples what he means, Jesus washes their feet. These feet would have been dusty, cracked, lined. A servant would normally have taken a basin and washed the feet of guests arriving for a meal. Jesus, whom the disciples knew as teacher and friend, healer, and leader, abandons all those roles and kneels before each disciple, washing feet. It is scandalous. Peter, for one, cannot bear it. He says to Jesus, "You will never wash my feet."

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Preschool Corner: Preparing for 2021 Art Show

March is the Preschool's time for parent-teacher conferences, learning about spring and St. Patrick's Day (including the sneaky leprechaun), and celebrating Read Across America with Dr. Seuss Week.

We also are busy making our artwork for our Art Show. This year, it will be a weeklong experience, held Monday, May 10, through Friday, May 14. It will be the preschool's last big event and fundraiser for the school year. If you know of any restaurants or businesses that would be willing to donate gift cards or items for our Art Show raffle, please let us know.

We have been spreading the word that CHPC Preschool's registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. If you know someone who might be interested in attending our school, please let them know that we will be offering several classes for children 21 months old through 5 years old. You can find lots of information on our website, www.chpcpreschool.org, including our online application. Or, you can stop by and grab a form at the Information Station outside the preschool office. We'd love for your friends and family to join our preschool family!

~Dana Tarnoci



During February's 'Kindness Week,' preschoolers wore yellow for positivity and were challenged to do something kind for someone.



Creating art, including finger paintings and yarn crafts, is an important and enjoyable part of attending preschool. In May, CHPC Preschool will hold its annual art show and fundraiser.

ABOUT

"Find a way to get involved. ... It goes a long way toward feeling part of the congregation."

- Albert, Leslie, Ward, and Anne Gray Sarvis

Member Q&A: CHPC Family Keeps Involved

Our spotlight this month is on the very active Sarvis family, CHPC members since 2003.

Q: When did you join CHPC?

A: We joined CHPC in the fall of 2003, several months before our son, Ward, was born. We actually moved to Camp Hill, just up the street from church, in the fall of 1999, in what we learned later was Berne Smith's first home. But, we moved to the U.K. soon after that and spent about a year and a half abroad. We moved back to Camp Hill in the fall of 2003 and started looking for a church.

Q: What brought you to CHPC?

A: We visited several churches in the area but felt very welcomed by Berne Smith (the world's best church welcomer) when we first visited Camp Hill Presbyterian Church. Leslie also connected with a moms group that was active at the time. Plus, we liked the idea of being able to walk down the street to church!

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

A: Albert, Leslie, and Ward have all been deacons. Albert has served as an elder, on Staff Commission, and, most recently, with the

Pastor Nominating Committee that brought Rev. Conklin to our church. We try to participate in all the churchwide activities, and youth activities in particular.

Albert took photos for an interim church directory back in 2013. Leslie helped coordinate volunteers for the nursery and preschool rooms during church services, and she coordinated the redecoration of the nursery. Ward and Anne Gray have both helped volunteer for Vacation Bible School. Ward participated in the handbell choir and Anne Gray performed a solo at a Christmas Eve service.

Q: Please tell us about your family.

A: We enjoy camping, travel, biking, and hiking. Over the last several years, we've visited over a dozen national parks, covering more than 15,000 miles, and we've camped and hiked in about the same number of state parks.

Ward enjoys marching band and Anne Gray plays field hockey. We love our pets and recently adopted a second greyhound. Our family has also mastered movie-watching during the pandemic!

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

A: Albert enjoys photography, motorcycles, and drones. Leslie enjoys running, kayaking, and bicycling on rail trails. Ward enjoys adventure board and card games, reading, and snow skiing. Anne Gray is all about animals, her dogs and crested gecko, and she also enjoys shopping with her friends and snow skiing.

Q: What is your favorite memory of CHPC?

A: The baptisms of Ward and Anne Gray certainly stand out. Christmas Eve candlelight services are also toward the top of the list.

Q: Advice to younger members?

A: Find a way to get involved. Become a church officer, join a Sunday school class, volunteer at a church activity, become a welcomer. We have done all of these things over the years and it goes a long way toward feeling part of the congregation.

Q: Favorite Scripture Verse?

A: Colossians 3:20 — "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." Just kidding!

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Psalm 104: 24-25 — “How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number — living things both large and small.”

This verse inspired the hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful,” which was sung at Albert and Leslie’s wedding.

~The Sarvis family, as told to Ellen Smith



“How many are your works, Lord!” The Sarvis family enjoys the beauty of nature.

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Jesus leads him to see that this washing of one another is revealing divine tenderness in common, human need.

Compassion lies at the very core of Christian community. Only as we allow ourselves to be vulnerable before God can we empathize with the suffering of another. Imagine yourself kneeling before the Lord with your own vulnerable, even needy, heart, and allowing him to wash you with his love.

Good Friday calls us to do what the disciples could not — gaze upon the suffering

of our Lord. A profound mystery is revealed to us this day — the mystery of divine love that permeates every moment of human life and experience. In a way far beyond our human capacity to know or to understand, God is in Christ, knowing our sufferings from the inside out, hallowing the blood, the sweat and the tears, converting the cross from an instrument of death to a tree of life.

What part of ourselves is found in the shadow of the mob that streamed to Calvary? Complicity, apathy, and guilt oppress us and stifle our joy.

Let us bring all our sin to God in genuine repentance and discover the new life Christ will bring to us on Easter morning!

*Yours for the journey,
~Nancy*



ABOUT



The CHPC Session met virtually for its regular monthly meeting Feb. 22. Members of the Board of Deacons and the Rev. Don Potter attended the meeting, during which the Rev. Cheryl Galan, Carlisle Presbytery’s interim executive presbyter, shared the presentation, “Life Cycles of the Church.” Following the presentation, action items approved included:

- A motion from the Church Administration Ministry and Staff Commission to award a \$2,500 bonus to the Rev. Nancy Conklin.
- Motions from the Christian Education and Nurture Ministry and the Church Administration Ministry requesting the church apply for a second Payroll Protection Plan loan.
- As noted in the 2020 Annual Congregational

Report, appointment of John Alford (first term) and Monica Zazworsky (second term) to the Endowment Committee, Class of 2024, with terms of May 2021 to April 2024.

- Receipt and approval of the February 2021 Financial Report from Treasurer David Watts.

~Beth Fine, Clerk of Session

GIVE

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...”

- James 1:17

Notes From the CHPC Treasurer

■ During this difficult time, we are asking those of you who normally place your contributions in the offering plate to mail your contributions to the CHPC office, 101 N. 23rd Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Thank you in advance!

■ Contributions for the seven-month period ending Jan. 31 were \$224,261.25. This compares to \$287,623.70 in contributions for the same seven months a year ago. With year-to-date receipts as of Jan. 31 at \$298,610.72 and year-to-date expenses at \$269,733.43, year-to-date receipts exceed year-to-date

expenses by \$28,877.29. The excess of receipts over expenses is mostly attributable to staff expenses being more than \$40,000 below that projected for seven months into the year because of two vacant positions. Once these positions are filled, contributions will need to increase!

■ The endowment loaned CHPC \$100,000 to help pay for the Education Wing roof replacement, 23rd Street porch refurbishment, concrete repairs by the manse, and Wi-Fi upgrades. CHPC itself paid for the additional \$30,275.70 needed

to pay for these projects. We now have raised enough to pay off the endowment loan — thank you all so much for your generosity!

If you are interested in making a gift to reimburse CHPC for the \$30,275.70 it expended on these projects, you can mail a check to the CHPC office marked “Building Fund.”

Many thanks to all who have already made gifts to help pay for these projects!

If you have questions, please contact me at dwatts@mwn.com or (717) 503-6518.

~David Watts, Treasurer

GIVE

Youth Mentorship Mission Project Continues

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring Youth Mission Project, creating “match bags” for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region!

There’s still time to get involved in supporting mentor-mentee matches that help at-risk kids reach their full potential. Good activities for match bags are small enough to fit in a small nylon drawstring bag and can be done in pairs to help new mentor-mentee matches get to know each

other. Activities should work for kids and youth in kindergarten through 12th grade and might include small outdoor activities, games, or coloring books.

Items can be dropped off at the church during office hours or worship, or ordered and sent directly to CHPC from our Amazon wish list at:

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1F47VO9Y827QE?ref_=wl_share.

~Lindsay Gottwald



Some of the items already given to CHPC’s Youth Mission Project. Donations are still being accepted.

CARE

Deacons’ Digest: Support Ecumenical Food Pantry

On March 15 in the year 270, St. Nicholas was born. As legend has it, he secretly dropped three bags of gold in a house so that a father could provide a dowry for each of his three daughters. Over the years, this somehow morphed into Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and deals in December too hard to pass up!

On March 15 this year, the Deacons will, to some degree, continue St. Nicholas’ tradition of giving by sponsoring a fundraiser

at Isaac’s Restaurant, 1200 Market St. in Lemoyne (in the West Shore Plaza). When you purchase lunch, dinner, or even a snack (to eat in or for takeout) and mention you are part of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church’s fundraiser, Isaac’s will donate 15 percent of your purchase to our church. The deacons will then donate the funds to the Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Our donation will not be in bags of gold dropped through a window, but the idea is similar. This is a great

way help others, and a different way to raise funds during this unprecedented time, during which the Board of Deacons is unable to hold its annual spaghetti dinner.

Anyone can participate, but you must say that you are part of the CHPC fundraiser in order for Isaac’s to donate the 15 percent. So, tell your friends or, better yet, treat your friends, and enjoy a meal while giving to others.

~Tom Beckley

From the
Deacons

SERVE

CHPC Volunteers Help Give Manse a Refresh

“Volunteers are not paid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”

The unknown author of this quote might have been a member of CHPC! During the past few months, the Property and Maintenance Commission has been especially blessed with a team of priceless volunteers who have worked to prepare the manse for its next occupant.

With the resignation of our director of music, the manse became vacant. Session began to consider the possibilities for future use — short- and long-term. The hope is that the manse will

be an attractive housing choice for either our new associate pastor or music director — with “attractive” being the operative word.

After many years and multiple occupants, the manse was in need of a little attention. Some work called for a professional (whole-house painting, carpet installation, gutter repair), but several projects seemed suitable for a team of uniquely talented volunteers. Among those projects were removing carpet, building stair railings in the basement and attic, installing new smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and completing

some basic electrical work and backyard cleanup.

A big shout-out to those who gave of their time and talents to take on this work: Dan Flint, Bryan Kostukovich, Jason Snyder, Chris, Matt, and Joshua Stewart, Bruce Williamson, and Monica Zazworsky. Not only did their work address some important safety issues, but it also helped to keep our costs down, allowing the work that calls for professionals to be covered within the existing budget.

Thank you all!

~Carol Helsel and Jim Long



New life has been breathed into manse by talented CHPC volunteers, including Monica Zazworsky, upper left; Dan Flint and Bryan Kostukovich, above; and Matt, Chris, and Joshua Stewart, at right.



SERVE

Sign Up Now for This Year's MATE Trip

Everyone knows the difficulty that the pandemic has brought to American life. Imagine, though, that these difficulties were compounded by living in a home that is in desperate need of repairs — and that you'd applied for that work to be done by a mission team through the Mission at the Eastward Housing Ministry. But, in 2020, only a few work groups could travel to Maine, so you had to wait another year for the possibility of getting those repairs. This is the story of dozens of low-income families and individuals in western Maine.

CHPC's 35th consecutive mission trip to MATE had to be postponed from 2020 to 2021 due to the pandemic. The need is now greater than ever for our outreach to "the least of these" in western Maine. We are preparing to make the trip in July. Registration is now open and you must sign up by Friday, April 30. We will work with the MATE Housing Ministry to make critically needed home



For the 35th year, CHPC members will head to Maine to volunteer for the MATE Ministry.

repairs. Most of these repairs, including installation of metal roofs, window replacement, and skirting and insulating mobile homes, are related to the cold, snowy winters that Mainers endure.

Can you participate? MATE is a great way to try out a mission trip. The accommodations are luxurious — by mission trip standards — as we stay in a dormitory at the University of Maine at Farmington. Meals are bountiful and delicious. The work can be challenging, but we have great leaders to guide you through it. And, the setting in the mountains of Maine couldn't be more

beautiful. It is an awesome week of faith, service, making friends, and fun.

Christ calls us to serve. The need is great. Will you answer the call? MATE trip brochures with full information and the registration form are available at the church, on the CHPC website, or by emailing me at nflint.home@gmail.com.

Please join us for MATE 2021!

~Nancy Flint

SERVE



Volunteers Make Each Month's 'Press' a Reality

The COVID-19 pandemic put publication of "Camp Hill Press" on pause for a number of months. Upon the newsletter's return, the church found itself in need of volunteers to assist in new, socially distanced way.

Each month's edition begins right after the newest edition has been mailed. I send an email to elders, deacons, regular correspondents, and staff members asking for submissions. Some of these articles preview events and activities to come; others are follow-ups to what has been happening at CHPC. We have profiles of members, notes of thanks, and regular features such as Pastor Nancy's letter and "Preschool Corner."

All the work behind the articles during this time involves emailing. For example, when Ellen Smith prepares "Member Q&A," she can no longer meet with members in person; she has to email them her questions and have them reply in the same way.

Once I've edited the stories and designed the pages, the next step in the process is emailing the issue to Beth Fine, our talented proofreader. She uses her eagle-eyed skills to "Fine-tune" the newsletter into the nice publication you

receive in the mail each month.

Once Beth is done, 250 copies of the newsletter are printed in-house. In the past, you may have picked up your newsletter on Sundays at church, had it emailed to you, or read it on the CHPC website (and, you can still do that — webmaster Dale Meadowcroft uploads the issue each month). But, due to USPS minimums for bulk mail discounts and the fact that people have not been able to come to church, the newsletter now is mailed to all congregation members and CHPC friends.

The Press could not get into your mailbox without the dedicated volunteers who label the envelopes, fold the newsletters, and put both together (sometimes with other items that need to be sent to members). Prior to the pandemic, members of Prayer Fellowship, led by Gwen Fourson, took care of the newsletter mailing after a meeting. Since PF now meets via Zoom and some of its members continue to safely stay home, a new group of volunteers has surfaced for the folding and "stuffing" of the "Camp Hill Press."

Sharon Fenicle, Carol Helsel, Pam Thompson, and Linda Zimmerman, wearing smiles under their masks, show up to

the church upon hearing it's time to get the next issue mailed. Each is given a box full of newsletters and envelopes, which they take home, returning the completed batches the next day. (We sometimes even use a plastic tub outside the church's 23rd Street door to take care of the handoffs.)

The final step is taking it all to the bulk mail facility at the Harrisburg Post Office on Crooked Hill Road.

Prior to lockdown, Roger Hummel handled this duty each month. Since social distancing went into place, I've relied on the help of my son Nate for this job. I drive and he handles the bulk mail trays. (He is paid each month with a chicken sandwich from the nearby Popeye's restaurant on Cameron Street, so this isn't exactly volunteer work!)

Many thanks to all who make this monthly process work! Please have a good thought for the volunteers, past and present, who contribute to our church's newsletter. They help our church family stay informed and connected!

~Andrea Ebeling

CHILDREN & YOUTH



March News for CHPC Children and Youth

■ Do you have a middle school or high school student in your household who hasn't yet confirmed their faith? The Christian Education and Nurture Ministry is gauging interest in a confirmation class that would start in spring or

summer. Email me at lgottwald@thechpc.com to express interest.

■ Don't forget to check out summer camp opportunities at Krislund Camp and Conference Center. They offer a variety of camps for

children and youth ages 5 and older.

If you're interested in registering your child for camp or applying to work as a counselor, visit www.krislund.org.

~Lindsay Gottwald

'Lent for Littles' Offered to Preschoolers

This year, we're helping our preschool families celebrate the Lenten season by sending "Lent for Littles" emails each Wednesday.

The weekly updates include an easy activity to

help preschool-aged children and their grownups connect spiritually. Activities include reaching out to someone you love with a card or phone call, drawing prayers, and sharing with someone in need.

We've also invited preschoolers and their households to join Pastor Nancy and me at Family Worship, 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

~Lindsay Gottwald

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Send "Camp Hill Press" submissions by the Wednesday following each month's Session meeting to Andrea Ebeling, aebeling@thechpc.com.

March Dates to Remember:

- In-Person Worship Resumes — Sunday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.
- Daylight Saving Time Begins — Sunday, March 14, 2 a.m.
- Board of Deacons Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, March 15, 7 p.m.
- Session Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, March 22, 7 p.m.
- Palm Sunday Service — Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.