



Camp Hill Press

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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

In a children's sermon perhaps a month ago, I mentioned that I consider myself to be a life-long learner. Throughout my ministry I have attended many continuing education events, and I have especially liked the "Florida Winter Pastors' School," held at Stetson University in DeLand, FL. At that conference over the years I have listened to some of the best preachers in the country, as well as some of the leading theologians and Bible scholars. In addition, I read a lot of books. Many of those books are about theology or are church-related. I also read a lot of American history, centered around the Founding Fathers, the Civil War, and presidential biographies. I love to learn.

I also love to teach, and the Nurture Committee and I have been talking about possibilities for me to do some teaching while I am the interim pastor here at Camp Hill. (By the way, as the interim pastor I have signed a covenant of agreement that says I will not be a candidate for the next installed pastor of the church. I came here with the specific intention of being the interim pastor, and that is still my objective.) But while I am here, I want to share with you some of what I have learned over the years, and what I am continuing to learn.

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One of the things we're looking to do is to develop a Book Club here at Camp Hill. I know there are a couple of Sunday morning classes that are doing some book studies, and what the Nurture Committee is proposing is in addition to those groups. I have led book studies in previous settings. People would get the book, read the book, then come together one evening to discuss the book and how the book is causing them to grow or be challenged. In one church I served, that book study group continues to meet.

If you would like to participate in a book group, or to host a gathering of this group, please let me know.

And please know that all of our continuing Sunday morning classes – for all ages – are always interested in having folks join them. It is my desire that the church “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (II Peter 3:18). I hope that you want to learn more about who we are as the people of God, and will also seek to be a life-long learner.

Peace,

Craig A. Miller

From the Treasurer

Current Contributions for August were \$34,738.32, which is significantly less than our \$42,916.67 monthly target for Current Contributions. For comparison purposes, Current Contributions for August 2017 were \$39,375.48. With year to date Current Contributions at \$291,443.35, and our target for 8/31/18 being \$343,333, we have a year to date deficiency in Current Contributions of \$51,889.65. Everyone should be reviewing their year to date contributions and bringing them up to date if possible, as we now have a full staff to pay. Our expenses for August were \$46,018.63, with year-to-date expenses totaling \$367,870.22 compared to the projected year to date expenses of \$413,267. With total year to date receipts at \$352,568.54 and year to date expenses at \$367,870.22, expenses have exceeded receipts year-to-date by \$15,301.68. Please help us get rid of the deficit! The new VISA process offered by BluePay allows easy on-line contributions for satisfying your 2018 commitment and which can be set up for recurring contributions. Go to the CHPC website at camphillpres.org, click on “Give” and you will be taken to a secure website for credit card purposes. The online VISA process also can be used for contributions which target specific purposes. Just make sure you indicate what the contribution is to be used for in the Comment box. If you have questions, contact David Watts at dwatts@mcneeslaw.com or (717)237-5344.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Myrtle's Musings

“Gratitude Is a Choice”

“When waves of affliction sweep over the way, and sunlight is hidden from view; whenever you’re tempted to fret or complain – just think of God’s goodness to you. Just think of God’s goodness to you; just think of God’s goodness to you. Though storm or be sweet, God is able to keep; just think of God’s goodness to you.”

This song often sung in many Baptist churches, has been both a comfort and a challenge to the faithful to realize that life is not a “rose garden” for anyone. Life has not been painless since Eden, and it will not be until our Lord returns in glory. Despite this reality, it is our responsibility to choose to live life with an attitude of gratitude; or to consistently grumble, complain, and make others miserable. God never promised that life would have no challenges, no tears, no trials, and no pain. God did promise that everything and anything we face in life has already been defeated through the power of the cross. In the face of life’s challenges, when our choice in life is to follow Jesus, the joy that fills our hearts empowers us to be blessed and to be a blessing.

Since God promised that He will never leave or forsake us, we have a choice to live life as a “win-win” joy. We can determine to live our lives as a glowing witness to the love and power of our gracious God. We can choose to intentionally live our lives after the example of Jesus – in the power the Holy Spirit – and let God empower us with a sense of gratitude that makes us victorious in any and every situation in life. Without centering our lives upon what we do not have, we have the choice to thank God for all He has given us in life, anticipate what He will yet do, and be in that place of accepting joy that can make us instruments of his peace, joy, and love. The decision is ours. Please, Almighty God, may we choose thanksgiving, joy, praise, and love. May we let nothing – NOTHING – separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. And AMEN.

“Gratitude isn’t a natural response to adversity; it’s a discipline you develop.” We choose to recognize and express appreciation to God and one another for love, life, and grace extended to us. We choose to extend the joy that revives.



Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

Oct 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
30		1		2		3		4		5		6	
Busy													
Ms Watson Out of the Office													
9 am - Sunday		1 pm - Ministers		6 pm - FH - Street 6:30pm - Small Bible		9:30am - Prayer 11:45am - Noonday		9 am - Peace		11:45am - Downtow			
10 am - Fellowship		1 pm - Quilt & Craft		6:45pm - MR -		12:15pm - Noonday							
10:30am - Worship		7 pm - Fellowship				6 pm - Handbell							
12 pm - Brass Choir						7 pm - Chancel Choir							
7		8		9		10		11		12		13	
Busy													
Rev. Miller Out of the Office													
9 am - Sunday		1 pm - Ministers		6 pm - FH - Street		6 pm - Handbell		7 pm - CHPC		11:45am - Downtow			
10 am - Fellowship		1 pm - Quilt & Craft		6:30pm - Small Bible		7 pm - Chancel Choir							
10:30am - Worship		7 pm - Staff		6:45pm - MR -		7 pm - Communicatio							
12 pm - Brass Choir													
7 pm - Mission													
14		15		16		17		18		19		20	
9 am - Sunday		1 pm - Meals on		6 pm - FH - Street		9:30am - Prayer		6 pm - L Room		8:45am - Property 11:45am - Downtow			
10 am - Fellowship		1 pm - Ministers		6:30pm - Small Bible		10 am - FH Preschool		7 pm - CHPC					
10:30am - Worship		1 pm - Quilt & Craft		6:45pm - MR -		10:30am - Mission		7 pm - Mission Study					
11:45am - Mission		6 pm - YR- Nurture		7:30pm - CAM mtg		6 pm - Handbell							
12 pm - Brass Choir						7 pm - Chancel Choir							
12 pm - PW Fall													
21		22		23		24		25		26		27	
9 am - Sunday		1 pm - Ministers		6 pm - FH - Street		9:30am - Prayer		8:45am - FH Penn		11:45am - Downtow			
10 am - Fellowship		1 pm - Quilt & Craft		6:30pm - Small Bible		6 pm - Handbell		9 am - Ecumenical					
10:30am - Worship		7:30pm - Session-FH		6:45pm - MR -		7 pm - Chancel Choir							
12 pm - Brass Choir													
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12 pm - Brass Choir				6:30pm - Small Bible		7 pm - Chancel Choir							

Anniversaries

BECKLEY, Thomas & Missy Minehan 10/05
SARVIS, Albert & Leslie 10/09
BOSWELL, Jeff & Sandy 10/11
MILLER, Joe & Marlene 10/11
KOWALICK, Joseph & Linda 10/20
DAVIS, Jason & Christina 10/21



Birthdays This Month

DAVIS, Michelle 10/01
ROBY, Paul 10/01
MARKLEY, Ann 10/03
STEWART, Lois 10/03
WILLIAMS, Evan 10/06
WILL, Karen 10/08
BARNES, Harry 10/09
WELLS, Ramona 10/09
EDSALL, Harriet 10/10
TELENCIO, Sara 10/10
HAMM, Eleanor 10/12
WILLIAMSON, Bruce 10/12
POPE III, George 10/14
RONEMUS, Faye 10/14
GROFF, Carol 10/15
CHAMBERS, Brady 10/16
LYSLE, Don 10/16
ZAZWORSKY, Laura 10/19
BAUGHMAN, John 10/20
FLURKEY, Edie 10/20
NISLEY, Bob 10/20

PAYNE, Libby 10/21
SKOLNICKI, Joe 10/21
GETZ, Dave 10/22
HARBERT, Becca 10/22
JEFFREYS, Wayne 10/23
EARLEY, Dixon 10/25
GREGORY, Betsy 10/26
LONG, Susan 10/26
MALIN M.D, Thomas 10/26
NISLEY, Ryan 10/26
WILLSHIER, Jim 10/27
NISLEY, Anna 10/28
GOODEN, Barbara 10/29
KLOSKE, James 10/30
MARKLEY, Bill 10/31
SMITH, Ellen 10/31



Mission Study Update

One of the first steps in our Mission Study was a congregational survey. We received responses from a majority of the congregation and friends, demonstrating strong support. Following is a summary of some of the results of the recently completed congregational survey.



First, some descriptive characteristics. Our median age is about 67 and we've been members for a little over 30 years. One-third of us have served as Elders and one-half have served as Deacons. Nearly one-half of the members reside in zip code 17011 and yet the average trip from home to church is 7 miles. Although most respondents indicate

they attend services weekly, 2 members came clean and admitted they only attend on Christmas Eve and Easter.

Second, let's turn to your opinions. Two-thirds of you agree or strongly agree that CHPC provides opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. An even larger percent, 85, agree or strongly agree that CHPC is active in mission. Over 90 percent describe our worship as traditional, but slightly more than half would like to see blended worship.

What do we do well? Worship including music, mission, and education. What needs improvement? Programs for children and youth. There's your snapshot to consider this week as we discern who we are. There will be more to come as we address our hopes and dreams and the qualities of our next pastor.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first round of Mission Study Congregational Gatherings. The conversation about Hopes and Dreams for CHPC will continue in our next sessions.

Please plan to attend one of the following gatherings, to be held in Fellowship Hall:

- Wednesday morning, October 17 at 10:30 a.m. (after Prayer Fellowship)
- Thursday evening, October 18 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, October 21 at 11:45 a.m. (after worship)

Refreshments will be provided—please sign up in the Gathering Place for your preferred session so we can plan accordingly.

We need to hear from you to ensure that your views and ideas about CHPC's future are included as information is gathered for our Mission Study. The Mission Study will be an important tool for the Pastor Nominating Committee when it begins the search for CHPC's next installed Pastor



CONGREGATIONAL
GATHERING

Care

Missing Members

The Fellowship & Membership Ministry needs your help. We are contacting members from our congregation who have been missing from worship. If there is someone that typically sits near you and you haven't seen them for a little bit please let one of our ministry members or Craig Miller know, or call the church office. We really want to reach out to people but we need to know who they are. Thank you for your help!!

We Need Your Help!

We at CHPC need your help in several ways.



First, we need people who love children to be willing to share in the Sunday School program. We are not looking for someone from now until the end of the program year. We are looking for people who are willing to occasionally lead the K-5 class. Curriculum material will be provided well before the day you sign up to teach, which gives you time to prepare the lesson in the way you are comfortable.

Prior teaching experience is not necessary. A love for the children is necessary. So a lot of you are qualified to do this! You can sign up on the link available through the CHP's, or

talk to Cindy Harbert, or call the church office.

Second, we need you to let the church office know if you, or a family member, or a friend, is hospitalized. If you are in the hospital and we are aware of it, you will receive pastoral visits. But we can't do that if we don't know of the situation. We would rather hear about something 5 times, than have you assume that we already know of a situation. This would really help the pastoral staff to do what they are called to do. Thanks for your help in this!



Appalachian Trail Hike



The Fellowship & Membership Ministry is sponsoring a Flat, Easy Hike on the Appalachian Trail! Sunday, October 21, 2018 Meet at 2:30 (note time change) at Stony Ridge in Silver Spring Township (50 Bernheisel Bridge Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015) in the stone parking lot (first left) as you come into the main park entrance. Hike length is 3 miles. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle. A sign-up sheet is located on the desk in the Gathering Place. Contact Sandy McBride with any questions.

About

CHPC PW Fall Gathering

All women of CHPC are invited to join in fellowship following worship on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 12 Noon for a Light Lunch, and a special presentation by Steve Schwartz from Christian Churches United

All this for a \$2 donation

Please join us on the 14th in Fellowship Hall! Looking forward to seeing you. If you have questions or want tickets, please contact either Gail Mark at 717-580-5384 or Pam Thompson at 717-580-5435 .

Preschool News

Happy Fall!

It has been a soggy but exciting start to the new school year. The teachers and children are all settling into the routines. And the tears are slowing going away. October is full of activities. The 4's and PreK classes will be visiting Paulus Market where they will feed animals and pick pumpkins. The firefighters will make a visit and talk about fire safety. The Humbug Witch will intrigue and entertain the children and the Halloween Parade will cap off a fun month. Thank you for your prayers and continued support of the Preschool.



Serve

CCU 2018 Celebration Banquet

"Save the Date" We are excited to be sponsoring a table of eight at the 2018 Celebration Banquet of Christian Churches United. This "United in Love" affair will be on Tuesday, November 13 at the Best Western Premier, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg. The special guest speaker is author Tony Campolo!!



New Hope Ministries



Food Collection Box

The Mission Outreach Ministry continues to collect Peanut Butter . In addition to peanut butter, please donate TUNA—POUCHED OR CANNED. Donations can be dropped in the box labeled New Hope Ministries in the Gathering Place. Thank you for all your support with the partnership between NHM and CHPC.

Through our partnership with NHM we now staff their food pantry the 2nd and 3rd Thursday evening of the month. If you would like to donate your time and volunteer, please contact Monica Zazworsky.

Ecumenical Food Pantry

For the month of September we will be collecting Ramen Noodles. They can be left in the box under the stairs in the gathering space.



Give

Do you know that credit card payments can now be made from the church's website? Just click on the menu item "GIVE".



May a one time payment of set up recurring payment through the site. All major credit cards are accepted. A widget has been added for your convenience in calculating the 3% processing fees. These fees are paid directly to the merchant services company and not received by CHPC but will come out of CHPC budget if not included in your donation.

2018 PW Thank Offering

Presbyterian Women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings with those in need at home and around the world. Programs through this thank offering fund include education, safe housing, clean water, health care, assistance to prisoners, justice for women, and so much more.

Celebrate this season of giving through your thank offering to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the PW U.S.A. and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom. Donation envelopes can be found in the pew pockets from 10/28 through 11/18/2018.

Thank you for your generous contributions.



Communications Task Force

CHPC Photo Contest



Bring your camera! Take a picture at any CHPC activity during September. Send the pictures to commtaskforce@gmail.com by October 6th. The winner will be announced on October 11th, and the picture will be featured on our newsletter, website, Sunday slide show and other CHPC communications!

This will be a monthly event so keep your camera ready!

CHPC New Website

Effective October 1st, 2018 - The CHPC website is
[https:// www.camphillpres.org/](https://www.camphillpres.org/)

Please change your bookmarks and favorites to the new address. We sincerely hope you like the changes. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated and may be sent to commtaskforce@gmail.com.



Sermon Videos

Did you miss the sermon? Do you want to hear the sermon again? Visit our church website under the worship tab for the latest list of sermon videos.

