



## *Pastor's Note: World Communion Sunday*

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Dear Friends,

I am excited to have begun my ministry here at Camp Hill and grateful for the warm welcome I have received.

When you have a chance to visit my office, you'll notice my collection of communion chalices and plates. I began collecting them shortly after my ordination. Each of them has its own story, but the first set was a gift I received for my ordination from colleagues at my old law firm. They had commissioned a local potter to create one especially for me.

When I met with the potter, she asked me why communion was so special to me. I explained that from an early age, even though my parents did not permit me to partake until I was of an age that I could explain to them its significance, being present at the sacrament was a sacred moment for me. I may not have had the words to explain it, but I always felt an infusion of Christ's love

pulsating through my veins as I sat with my church family gathered at the Table.

I told the potter that my pastor would always recite Jesus' words, "I am the vine and you are the branches, apart from me you can do nothing." I chose that verse to be my ordination text. Using her loving and skillful hands, she sculpted a beautiful representation of those cherished words on the plate and chalice.

World Communion Sunday couldn't be a more fitting first Sunday with you. Each year on the first Sunday in October, we are reminded that the communion table is the one table to which all Christians are invited. Like my varied communion sets, this meal is significant in so many different ways on each branch of our Christian family tree. It is the Lord's Supper commemorating Jesus' last meal with his disciples. As the Sacrament of Holy Communion, it is "holy" as in



"set apart for use by God" and "communion" as the means of grace by which we experience the real presence of Christ with us. Our Eastern Orthodox brothers and sisters in Christ refer to it as the "Divine Liturgy," reflecting the importance of the words we say that consecrate this meal and those who partake of it to the work of God. For Catholics, it is the Mass

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## ABOUT

**"By whatever name the meal is called, as we eat the bread and drink the cup, we are joined together as the One Body of Christ."**

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commemorating and participating in Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Christians of all traditions call it the Eucharist — a giving thanks to God for all of God's steadfast love and mercy we have received and for the ultimate gift of our salvation through Christ.

By whatever name the meal is called, as we eat the bread and drink the cup, we are

joined together as the One Body of Christ. It is a visible sign of what Jesus prayed for at the Last Supper, when he asked God "that (we) may be completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17: 23b). It is to this unity that we give witness on World

Communion Sunday.

As we gather together around our family table on this festive day, may we remember our Lord's promise, "I am the Vine and you are the branches, apart from me you can do nothing.

Yours for the journey,  
*Nancy Conklin*

### *Updates From the Associate Pastor's Office*



■ I have been at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church for one month now and it feels like being home. Thanks to all of you for your warm welcome.

■ Here is something about me that you may not know: I am a certified LaBlast instructor. LaBlast is a partner-free dance program that anyone can participate in and learn to dance while getting fit and having fun. It uses ballroom dance styles and other dances like the Jive, Charleston, and

Salsa. LaBlast uses music from every artist, genre, and era. It is designed for males and females of any age and fitness level.

I will be leading a free LaBlast class on Saturdays at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. No special attire or footwear are needed (wear sneakers or practice dance shoes). The first class is set for Nov. 2.

Come one and all and bring your neighbors and friends; this would be a fun

way to invite new people into our church.

The class is not a part of my job description and does not count toward the hours I work at CHPC; it's just something I want to share with the congregation.

■ FYI: If you're interested in stopping by, my usual office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Anne Myers*

## ABOUT

## Preschool Corner: New Year Off to a Great Start

Our first few weeks of school have been a huge success! It's been so nice to hear the chatter and laughter in our hallways again!

We have two new additions to our staff. Mrs. Debbie Haar is our new Next Steps 3s lead teacher. Her daughters went through the program and we're so happy she's back and joined our team. Mrs. Kristen Smith is the assistant teacher for our First Steps class and both Betweeners classes. She was our main substitute last year and we are beyond excited that she is with us all the time now.

Our Preschool Parent Association is meeting for the first time this month, and I'll be sharing all the exciting plans we'll be making for the rest of the school year in the next newsletter.

Lastly, the Preschool is a member of the A+ Giant School Rewards. If you would like to help support our program, please consider signing up:

■ Visit [www.giantfood-stores.com](http://www.giantfood-stores.com) and select "SIGN IN" at the top right to log into your online account.

■ Once logged in, select "MY ACCOUNT," followed by "MANAGE MY ACCOUNT," then "REWARDS & SAVINGS" to select your school.

■ If you do not have an online account, click "REGISTER." Follow the prompts to create your online account. Once logged in, follow the same instructions as noted above.

When signing up, you'll need your 11-digit BonusCard number and the Preschool's School ID number, which is 21857.

*Dana Tarnoci*



*Students in one of the Preschool's classes for 4-year-olds have returned to the classroom with smiling faces.*



*There is a lot of laughter and enthusiasm at the Preschool now that school is back in session.*



## ABOUT

*Member Profile: Q&A With John Alford*

**"Pray continually, and rejoice in the Lord always, loving without ceasing! (Psalm 1)"**

*In this installment of our new series, "CHPC Member Spotlight," we feature 41-year member John Alford.*

**Q: When did you join CHPC and what brought you to this church?**

**A:** Although I was a lifelong Presbyterian, it was a job change in the late 1970s that led me and my wife, Peggy, along with our young children, Leigh Ellen and Adam, to relocate to central Pennsylvania and find our spiritual home at CHPC. CHPC was the correct denomination, and it had "location, location, location," along with a strong multifaceted adult program in addition to a very important component for a young family – a vibrant youth program and school.

As coincidence would have it, among our early acquaintances in our new community were Kathy and Tom Kuhn. I learned that Kathy had grown up in my hometown, New Castle, Pa., and Tom was a classmate of Peggy's at Baldwin-Whitehall High School in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. It was that same school district where, after graduation from PSU in 1964, I got my first job teaching earth and space science and advanced

placement biology.

Kathy and I weren't classmates. My high school, Mohawk Area, was only 1 mile from the Ohio state line and my family's beef farm was only 3 miles inside Pennsylvania. My first church was New Castle Presbyterian Church, and I transferred to CHPC by letter from Mount Jackson Presbyterian Church.

**Q: Tell us about your personal background and interests.**

**A:** During the summers back in Pittsburgh when I was not in my classroom teaching, I was at Penn State pursuing a master's degree in educational administration. After five years as an educator, I had an opportunity to attend the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and received my Juris Doctor degree in 1972.

While I was in law school, Peggy continued to teach history and Spanish, and I wrote court briefs for the Appellate Division of the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. After passing the bar, I was appointed as an assistant district attorney in both the Trial Division and the Appellate Division.

Eventually, I was fortunate

enough to be asked to be an initial designer of a new component of the criminal justice system — the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition, or ARD, program. As a result of the adoption of this concept into the Criminal Rules of Pennsylvania, first-time non-violent offenders could turn their lives around and become productive citizens rather than potentially being recidivists. During my career in the district attorney's office, my most famous opposing counsel in an appellate case was F. Lee Bailey.

Here in Camp Hill, most know me as an employee of the Public Utility Commission, where I had multiple assignments including assistant counsel, deputy chief counsel for the Enforcement Division of the Law Bureau, director of the Bureau of Safety and Compliance, director of Commission Operations (executive director), and secretary.

**Q: Tell us about your involvement with CHPC.**

**A:** Initially, the early involvement was merely Sunday services which expanded into PSP, or Parents Supporting Parents,

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where young families made contacts which became lifelong friendships. There was the church week at the beach in Ocean City, Md., which was originally probably as many as 20 families, but due to retirements, etc., has dwindled to only five families — those of Pennie Cavanaugh, Roger and Ann Hummel, Rob and Annette Coffman, Dennis and Alice Lebo, and mine — whose children now bring their families.

Peggy, Leigh Ellen, and Adam all went on the MATE trips for several years. I joined Session and throughout the years served on Mission Commission and Property and Maintenance Commission, and I was president of the corporation at one juncture, helping the Synod earn the funding to build St. James Church.

We also were involved with was our church's resettling of Vietnamese “boat

refugees,” which turned out to be a practice run for the coming of the “Lost Boys of Sudan.”

Another enjoyable endeavor was the Neighborfest program. One year, I was on a team with the Tierneys when we refurbished and reseeded a front yard for a family having significant medical challenges. Another year, I was with David Roquemore and others as we pruned an entire apple orchard.

I taught Enquirers on occasion and Youth Sunday School and, for the last 13 years, have taught a breakfast Bible study which is held at Perkins Restaurant the first Saturday of the month at 8 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

### **Q: Any advice for our youngsters?**

**A:** Pray continually, and rejoice in the Lord always, loving without ceasing (Psalm 11)!

### **Q: What is your favorite scripture?**

**A:** My answer to this question has changed many times over my lifetime, but interestingly to me right now is that I have unexpectedly come full circle on this answer as a result of teaching the monthly Bible study about the Prophet Daniel.

I remember my early childhood Sunday School classes gave us stories about God's strength and his faithfulness to his children through stories of the fiery furnace and the lion's den. Although those stories are good primers, there is much more to the Hebrews' exile experience that is reflected in the first part of the Book of Daniel. It is an insightful and fascinating read!

God truly is loving, strong, just, and faithful.

*John Alford, as told to Ellen Smith*



*John Alford, second from right, and his late wife, Peggy, far left, were involved in CHPC's mission to assist young men who were part of "the Lost Boys of Sudan."*

## ABOUT



*Christyan Seay and Amy Yovanovich perform at CHPC on Oct. 20.*

## *MAD Series, Organ Recitals Return This Month*

Camp Hill Presbyterian Church's Music, Art, and Drama series returns this month with two performances: a Wednesday Noonday Organ Recital and a Sunday afternoon concert.

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, Alexander Ashman, organist at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Harrisburg, will kick off our Noonday Organ Recitals. A light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m., followed by the performance at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A freewill offering will be accepted. Then, on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 4 p.m., a combined performance by mezzo-soprano Amy Yovanovich and tenor Christyan Seay will be held in the

Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Amy, an award-winning soloist, studied voice and opera at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music and has performed in numerous regional operas and musicals. She currently is the executive director and vocal instructor at the State Street Academy of Music in Harrisburg, serves as a vocal instructor at the Lancaster Conservatory of Music, and is director of music at Westgate Baptist Church in Lancaster.

Christyan is active in recital, oratorio, and opera, and performs extensively through central Pennsylvania and abroad. He has performed with orchestras and opera

companies in Harrisburg, Lancaster, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. He is a three-time recipient of the Jump Street Arts Development Center/Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts grant, which he used to coordinate musical presentations.

Christyan currently serves as artistic director for the Capital Area Music Association and is a concert artist with the Wednesday Club Performing Arts Society, Harrisburg.

Please join us for both these uplifting events, and look for more organ recitals and MAD performances throughout the season.

*Pam Mitchell and Mary Swartz*

## *Presbyterian Women Invited to Fall Gathering*

CHPC's PW Fall Gathering will take place Sunday, Oct. 6, immediately after worship, in Fellowship Hall. All women in the congregation are invited to join in on "Apple Dapple Day," which will include a light lunch (featuring apples, of course), fun, fellowship, and frivolity.

Lois Heagy will give a special presentation on "Pennsylvania."

Tickets are available for a \$2 donation. Please join us!

*Pam Thompson*





## ABOUT

*'Harvest Hop' Concert Welcomes C.H. Families*

On Saturday, Sept. 21, the parking lot at CHPC was "hopping" during Camp Hill Borough's "Harvest Hop," a promotional event highlighting the downtown area.

Our Fellowship and Membership Ministry thought this event would be a great opportunity to let the C.H. community know about our great community of faith. Many members of our congregation were here to welcome our neighbors.

We had lots of activities for family-friendly fun: games, bubbles, balloon animals, sidewalk chalk, etc. The CHPC Preschool did face painting and shared other kiddie games. Our awesome Nine-Square-in-the-Air game was set up and enjoyed by many. Free hot dogs, popcorn, water, and homemade cookies (all 500 of them baked by the Stalter family) were handed out to neighbors and guests.

CHPC's featured event was

a concert in the parking lot by award-winning children's musician Steven Courtney. Approximately 225 people were here for the show and all the other fun.

We are happy with how our first "Harvest Hop" went and hope to make this an annual event. A big "thank you" to all who helped with this great success!

*Sandy McBride*



*CHPC shared fun and food with our neighbors during "Harvest Hop." Community and congregation members, young and old, turned out to watch musician Steven Courtney entertain, to play games, and to eat.*

## GIVE

*Notes From the CHPC Treasurer*

■ CHPC receipts through Aug. 31 were \$368,085.39 and expenses were \$397,492.35, with expenses exceeding receipts year to date by \$29,406.96. If you are behind in paying your estimate of giving, please help CHPC by bringing contributions up to date.

■ We have spent \$137,587 in building renovations in

2019, including replacement of the Education Wing roof, refurbishment of the 23rd Street porch, concrete work next to the manse, and upgrading the churchwide Wi-Fi. The Endowment has loaned CHPC \$100,000 to help pay for these costs; the loan needs to be repaid by June 1, 2020. So far, we have raised \$24,390 of the

total spent on renovations. Please contact Bill Stout at [bnstout@aol.com](mailto:bnstout@aol.com) if you are interested in making a contribution to help CHPC repay the Endowment loan and to assist in reimbursing CHPC for the balance of these renovations.

*David Watts*

*PW Announces Fall Thank Offering Service*

The CHPC PW Fall Thank Offering service will take place Sunday, Nov. 17, with envelopes placed in the pews from Nov. 3 through Nov. 30. A guest pastor, the Rev. Anne Ross, will be leading this service.

The Presbyterian Women's 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 her

Lord" since that time, and have raised tens of millions of dollars for mission at home and around the world.

Among the recipients of the 2019 Thank Offering are the rural health facilities in Cameroon. Funds will be supporting obstetric units in Cameroon's hospitals with modern blood banks and training for lab staff, nurses, midwives, gynecologists, and general practitioners.

There are 18 projects ongoing with the Thank Offering, including the following:

■ Child abuse prevention

■ Clean water initiatives

■ Food assistance for children

■ Justice and peace projects

■ Food and fellowship for the homeless

■ Elders/outreach for those at high risk

Thank you for giving generously to the 2019 CHPC PW Fall Thank Offering. "Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:12-13)

*Gail Mark*



## GIVE

## Help MATE Achieve Matching Funds

For 34 summers, CHPC has sent work crews to Mission at the Eastward, providing 48,000 hours of labor. These trips have not only helped those being served, but have had a strong impact on the faith of those serving.

MATE has been a ministry of the PCUSA under the Presbytery of Northern New England since the 1950s. Most of the funding for the cooperative parish was from Synod of the Northeast. With its own resources becoming more limited in recent years, the

Synod made the difficult decision to withdraw its funding from MATE.

As MATE's executive director, the Rev. Thea Kornelius, informed us when she preached at CHPC in February, MATE has reorganized and incorporated separately as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. This makes MATE eligible for grants it could not receive under the umbrella of the presbytery. MATE has been offered a matching grant of up to \$30,000 from the Sandy

River Charitable Foundation. Donations received by Thursday, Oct. 31, will be eligible for dollar-to-dollar matching.

Consider making a contribution to MATE now so it can be doubled. Send checks to MATE, P.O. Box 206, Farmington, ME 04938.

With your support, MATE will be able to get on firm financial footing so that its ministries can continue to "reach the last house on the road."

*Nancy Flint*



## What Per Capita Dollars Do For Congregations

The annual giving of all Presbyterians, in the form of our per capita offerings, is the "tie that binds" the entire church and benefits every congregation. Your congregation's per capita giving strengthens the connections of our work and builds lasting relationships as all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry.

It's not too late to make your 2019 per capita contribution. Contact the church office for info.

Here is what per capita funding does:

- Provides training and leadership development opportunities for church officers, learning opportunities for pastors and members of the congregation, and faith formation initiatives for youth.
- Equips and guides the search for a pastor, provides resources, facilitates conflict resolution, and advises on property issues, loans, etc.
- Oversees discernment of God's call to ministry among inquirers and candidates.
- Administers mission dollars and supports disaster assistance work through

Lend-A-Hand and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

■ Engages participation in the wider church through commissioners elected to biannual General Assembly meetings, support of the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, and initiatives in the life of the Church Universal.

■ Provides staff support for your congregation's ministries at all levels of governance.

*Cheryl Galan,*  
*Interim Executive Presbyterian*  
*Carlisle Presbytery*

## CARE

"... The smiles I saw assured me that what we did was meaningful."

## *Stories From the Mission Field: 'Serve Others'*

*My friend, Lynn Manganara, helped at Downtown Daily Bread on Aug. 31 when it was my turn as a deacon to organize the group. She posted this on her Facebook page:*

"What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good."— Aristotle

A huge thanks to Lisa Love for the invite yesterday to volunteer with your crew at Downtown Daily Bread yesterday.

Downtown Daily Bread Harrisburg serves the poor and homeless by providing

lunch every day of the year from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Boyd Memorial Building of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, located at 234 South St., Harrisburg.

Reflections on yesterday: Despite their divergent life experiences, the individual recipients all had one thing in common — they were immensely thankful to all the volunteers who served them food. Their faces radiated joy after they ate a fresh, hot meal. I might not

have completely changed the course of anybody's life, but the smiles I saw assured me that what we did was meaningful.

I urge you all to devote some time to volunteer. Help make the world a better place by giving back by donating your time, energy, and resources to the causes you're most passionate about!

*Lisa Love*

## *A 'Thank You' From the Millers*

We thank you, Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, for the gift you gave us on our last Sunday with you, Sept. 15. We are grateful for those of you who contributed to the monetary gift, and to those who gave other gifts to us as we completed the interim ministry with you. Most especially, we are grateful for the reception and the very kind words that were shared about us and our being in your midst for the season of time that we had

together. It was good, and we enjoyed the time with you.

We are looking forward to getting into our new home in Florida, and I will be starting my interim work at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Sun City Center on Nov. 11. As we move to this next journey, we will remember with great fondness the people of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church.

Our address (assuming everything continues to go

smoothly with the process) will be: 2134 New Bedford Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573. Our email addresses are [craigmiller0324@gmail.com](mailto:craigmiller0324@gmail.com) and [24domiller@gmail.com](mailto:24domiller@gmail.com).

May God continue to bless Camp Hill Presbyterian Church as you move into the future, looking to new ministry as Pastor Nancy Conklin will join you and work with you as you seek to follow Jesus together.

Thank you,  
*Craig and Donna Miller*

**CARE**

## *Your Prayers Have Been Appreciated*

Dear CHPC Family,  
Thank you all for your many kind expressions of sympathy following the unexpected death of my brother. The many cards,

texts, calls, and emails, and the congregational letter have brought us much comfort during the difficult time.

We have felt your prayers. We are blessed, and thankful for you all.

In Christ,  
*Nancy Flint and family*

**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

## *Fall Fun: Youth to Visit Corn Maze*

Middle school and high school youth should mark their calendars for Sunday, Oct. 13. RAP/PYC teens will visit Paulus Mount

Airy Orchards in Dillsburg to explore the corn maze and other fall offerings. Check the Youth Update for more information, or

contact Lindsay Gottwald, director of youth and Christian education, at [lgottwald@thechpc.com](mailto:lgottwald@thechpc.com).  
*Lindsay Gottwald*

**LEARN**

## *Staff, Teachers Receive First Aid Training*

CHPC Preschool teachers and church staff members started the school year by taking cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, and automated external

defibrillator (AED) training on Sept. 3.

Led by instructor Denise Yohn, each participant learned the ins and outs of CPR and AED use and the

basics of first aid. After learning and practicing these new skills, they assembled their own first aid kits.

*Lindsay Gottwald*



*Church and preschool staff pose with some of the equipment used for CPR and AED training.*



## LEARN

## *Sunday School Kicks Off With 'Rally Day'*

CHPC began its Sunday School year on the right note with "Rally Day," held Sept. 8. Participation increased from last year with 35 members gathering in Fellowship Hall to enjoy refreshments, each other's

company, and a short celebration. After a brief introduction by Lindsay Gottwald, director of Youth and C.E., Pastor Craig Miller led the group prayers, and Diane Rutzler played piano as

everyone sang hymns. After celebrating our united cause as followers of Christ, participants adjourned to their Sunday School classrooms.

*Lindsay Gottwald*

### *2019-2020 Sunday School Classes*

- **Nursery:** Professionally staffed childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers  
(Room 2, Christian Education Wing)
- **Children K-5:** Bible lesson and activities tailored to elementary-age students  
(Room 14, C.E. Wing)
- **RAP/PYC:** Bible lessons and discussions relevant to middle and high school youth  
(Youth Room, Level 2, behind stage)
- **Exegesis:** Analysis and interpretation of scripture (Library, C.E. Wing)
- **Bridge Builders:** Discussion-based look at faith messages communicated through mass media (Reception Room, Level 2)
- **Women's Bible Study:** Studying "Jesus: Experiencing His Touch" about the book of Mark. (Room 17, C.E. Wing)
- **Sunday Book Club:** Studying books that help us better understand the role of the Bible (Quilters and Crafters Room, Level 2)
- **Men's Bible Study:** Currently reading *What Jesus Demands From the World* by John Piper (Room 13, C.E. Wing)
- **Raising Families in Faith:** Focusing on the experiences, challenges, and strategies of raising youth within the Christian faith (Gathering Place, Level 2)

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#### CHPC October Highlights:

- Pastor Nancy Conklin's First Day — Tuesday, Oct. 1
- Noonday Organ Recital Luncheon and Performance — Wednesday, Oct. 2, 11:45 a.m.
- World Communion Day — Sunday, Oct. 6
- Youth Corn Maze Visit — Sunday, Oct. 13
- Columbus Day; Office Closed — Monday, Oct. 14
- MAD Concert and Reception — Sunday, Oct. 20, 4 p.m.