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## *Pastor's Note: Pentecost Fills Us With the Spirit*

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Dear Friends,  
Spiritual writer Joyce Rupp offers these words from her poem "Astonished and Amazed":

*Like tulips long lying hidden  
suddenly springing forth  
making beauty out of sunlight*

*Like soil caught and turned,  
warm, moist and ready for seed,  
opening its heart for growing*

*Like spring speaking to the day  
about the goodness of the earth  
patterning green on every plain*

*Like all these quiet miracles  
so is the coming of the Spirit,  
telling of the surge of life*

*Urging me to gaze again  
upon my very common days,  
to look within and be amazed.*

On Pentecost each year, we remind ourselves that we have been filled with the Spirit that not only breathes new life within us each and every day, but also provides us with the tremendous power to bear new life into our world. In the pages that follow, I invite you to look and be amazed at how the Holy Spirit has been and is at work birthing new life among us.

I hope you will come and breathe in the Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. To celebrate our return to our beloved sanctuary that day, we will have a "red-out" as we encourage everyone to



wear a red-and-white CHPC T-shirt, which can be purchased in the coming weeks. The shirts are \$8, with proceeds going to Christian Churches United's Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven.

*Yours for the journey,  
Nancy*

## *Candidate Chosen: Spirit Has Spoken to APNC*

On March 11, the Commission on Ministry of Carlisle Presbytery approved the call of Stuart Seelman to be our new associate pastor for family/intergenerational ministries. On Tuesday, May 25, Stuart will be examined

by the Presbytery and approved for ordination and installation to his ministry here at Camp Hill. "If the way be clear," Stuart will lead worship on Sunday, May 30. Immediately following worship, a special

meeting of the congregation will be held to elect him as our new associate.

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

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## ABOUT



Stuart Seelman

currently is planning opportunities for the congregation to meet Stuart via zoom on Friday, May 28, and in person on Saturday, May 29. More details of those events will be provided in the coming weeks.

A recent Master of Divinity graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va., Stuart is excited to join in ministry with the Camp Hill community and to envision life more fully and faithfully together as the pandemic comes to an end, with a particular focus on serving children, youth, and families.

The son of a Presbyterian pastor, Stuart moved often growing up, going from the Piedmont region of North Carolina to New Orleans, then to Dallas, Richmond, and, most recently, Pelham, N.Y. He graduated from

Texas A&M University in 2017, majoring in international studies and Arabic, with an interest in international aid and nonprofit work. He was active in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets and the ecumenical campus ministry.

**MEETING NOTICE**

**A special meeting of the CHPC Congregation has been called for Sunday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of approving the call of an Associate Pastor Candidate.**

Drawing from those experiences in tight-knit formational communities, Stuart began to sense a call to vocational ministry in the church. In seminary in Richmond, he served the Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church as pastoral intern and

youth director and spent one summer as a pediatric hospital chaplain intern. He also brings experience in nonprofit direct service work, public policy advocacy, and community organizing. Stuart is passionate about discipleship formation in the life of the church as the unique meeting place where growth in holiness across differences meets care for God's people in the world.

When he's not in church or pandemic isolation, Stuart enjoys panting and wheezing at the gym, fumbling around in the kitchen with friends, and wandering outdoors for a hiking trip or an unpracticed round of golf.

We rejoice and give thanks for the APNC in their faithful listening for the call of the Spirit, bringing forth a new season of ministry here at CHPC.

*~Nancy Conklin and the APNC*

## Wednesday Walks, Second Sunday Socials Set



Wednesday Walks started May 5 and will continue throughout the summer. Join your CHPC family at 6:30 p.m. at the City Island Parking Lot for a leisurely stroll along the river. It's a great way to get some fresh air and catch up with each other!

You also can mark your calendars for Second Sunday Socials, to be held June 13, July 11, and Aug. 8. The Fellowship and Membership Ministry will host these events, which will feature a continental breakfast served in the Peace Garden immediately following the

9:30 a.m. worship service. (We'll meet in the Gathering Place if it rains.)

Don't miss these great opportunities to mix-and-mingle after being apart for so long!

*~Sandy McBride*

## ABOUT

## CHPC Selected for 'Thriving Together' Program

Earlier this spring, CHPC became aware of an initiative sponsored by Messiah University entitled "Thriving Together." The result of a large grant awarded to the university, the program will cultivate congregational thriving within the contexts of racial injustice and within communities with very different experiences and understanding of that racial matrix.

The Christian Education and Nurture Ministry proposed its interest in "Thriving Together" to CHPC's Session, which gave its blessing to submit an application. In mid-April, CHPC was notified that we are one of 12 congregations selected to participate.

Together with educational and religious leaders, our church's team will grapple

with large historical, social, and religious contexts of racial injustice, delving deeply into local histories and congregational practices. Leaders will discern ways individual congregations can come to be characterized by racial justice and can participate together in larger regional efforts to achieve a just society.

Throughout this journey, selected individuals will participate in a variety of seminars, workshops, field trips, and projects beginning this fall and continuing through 2023. These activities will foster congregational reflection on and planning for ways their missions can be refreshed and their practices renewed so that they can contribute to the realization of shalom, which is an imperative for every Christian community.

The team members who will represent CHPC are the Rev. Nancy Conklin, Roger Hummel, and Jeff Thompson. They will work closely with Session and the Nurture Ministry to share their knowledge and insight of how the legacy of race has shaped our region and our neighborhoods and how we can best work toward a renewed hope of racial justice.

We are very excited to have been chosen to participate and look forward to the journey that on which we are about to embark. Special thanks to Abby Tierney for her assistance in the application process.

Watch for more information on this program in the months to come.

~ Cindy Harbert

**"In the middle of our partisan, polarized, and racially divided society, we need churches committed to coming together to understand how we can thrive together across racial divides."**

**- Dr. Drew Hart,  
Messiah University**

## PW Announces Special Events for May

■ Dorcas Circle is about to come out of hibernation! Join us for a meeting/get-together in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 13. Be prepared for a morning of sharing and fellowship.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

■ "Celebrating Spring" is the theme of this year's Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering. The luncheon will be held in Fellowship Hall from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16.

Bring your own brown-bag lunch, please. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Officers will be installed and the Dedication of the Least Coin will take place. Please join us at this reunion! RSVP to Pam Thompson at (717) 580-5435 or herself\_the\_elf@comcast.net.

~Gail Mark





## ABOUT



## *Music Notes: How Can We Keep From Singing?*

*Director of Music Jerrold Tidwell will share thoughts, insights, and information in his new monthly "Music Notes" column.*

When we think of Psalms, we usually think of songs of thanksgiving and praise. However, one Psalm comes to mind that defies singing, and also happens to have a great deal of relevance as of late:

*By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?*

Psalm 137 seems to be the antithesis of thanksgiving and praise. Every line is dripping with grief and pain. Babylon had ravaged Jerusalem, taking thousands captive — one of whom was the Psalmist. The Babylonian captors were chiding the captives to sing a song of Zion. Unable to comply, they hung their lyres on the branches along the shore of the Euphrates River and wept.

As a musician, it is almost impossible for me to imagine a Psalm text without singing. And yet, here we are — more than 12 months into being ravaged by a potentially lethal virus, held

captive, fearing gathering, our neighbors, and even the air we breathe. It felt as if our collective song had been silenced. Many of us came face to face with the fragility of life. It was as if our landscape was made foreign in the blink of an eye. It isn't hard to identify with the Psalmist, as he hung his harp on the branch of a willow tree, exiled and unable to sing.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? The Psalmist doesn't give us an answer, but history gives us clues about the Israelites. We know that over time, trade and commerce resumed and the once-foreign landscape became more comfortable. Perhaps it was the "new normal."

While we may not sing the Psalms the same way the early church envisioned, we continue to seek new and meaningful ways to convey our spirituality, seek social justice, and express our gratitude to the Divine. Hymnology — the study/composition of hymns — is a living, continually evolving art. It's also why we have a new hymnal! Perhaps the most fitting response to the Psalmist's question comes in the form of one such

American folk song, composed by American Baptist minister Robert Wadsworth Lowry — "How Can I Keep From Singing."

*My life flows on in endless song:  
Above earth's lamentation,*

*I hear the sweet, tho' far-off hymn  
That bails a new creation;*

*Thro' all the tumult and the strife  
I hear the music ringing;*

*It finds an echo in my soul —  
How can I keep from singing?*

As we begin to move forward in hope and begin safely gathering, it is my prayer that we remember the songs of Zion and sing them once again, in the words of Leonard Bernstein, "more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before." I invite anyone wishing to participate in the music ministry of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church to contact me directly at (717) 737-0488 or [jtiddwell@thechpc.com](mailto:jtiddwell@thechpc.com). We will be resuming safe rehearsals in the near future, and I hope that you will consider joining us.

*~Jerrold Tidwell*

## ABOUT

## Session Highlights: CE Wing Receives New Name

The CHPC Session met virtually via Zoom conferencing for its regular monthly meeting on April 26.

Director of Music Jerrold Tidwell was welcomed to the meeting, as well as Dolores Peffley and Bruce Williamson, elders who were installed to the Class of 2024 (term beginning May 1). Also welcomed to the meeting were Presbyterian Women Moderator-elect Lisa Love and Deacon Moderator-elect Megan Harbert.

Presbyterian Women Moderator Pam Thompson and Deacon Moderator Joe

Harner, who have completed their terms of leadership, were thanked for their service. Elders Sandy McBride, Pam Mitchell, and Rick Woodard, who also have completed their terms of service, were thanked for sharing their gifts as leaders of the congregation.

Action items approved by Session included:

■ Reappointment of David Watts to serve as church treasurer through April 30, 2022.

■ Reappointment of John Rutzler as financial secretary through April 30, 2022.

■ Reappointment of Beth Fine to serve as Clerk of Session through April 30, 2022.

■ Appointment of Beth Fine and Karen Taylor to serve as elder commissioners at the Tuesday, May 25, meeting of Carlisle Presbytery.

■ The recommendation of the Christian Education and Nurture Ministry to name the Christian Education Wing the “Kathleen Kuhn Education Center.”

~Beth Fine, Clerk of Session



## Former CHPC Member Designed Iconic Bridge

*In place of our usual “Member Q&A,” this month we take a look back at the Knudsens, long-ago CHPC members. Clarence Knudsen’s professional legacy recently has been memorialized with the dedication of our nation’s newest national park.*

When West Virginia’s New River Gorge Bridge was completed on Oct. 22, 1977, a travel challenge was solved. The bridge reduced a 40-minute drive through narrow mountain roads and across one of North America’s oldest rivers to less than a minute. This highly

photographed structural work of art is the longest steel span in the western hemisphere and the third-highest in the United States.

The bridge was chosen to represent West Virginia on its commemorative state quarter in 2006. In 2013, it was listed on the National Register of Historical Places as a significant resource. Now, it sits in the center of a national park. And, a member of CHPC, the late Clarence Knudsen, who died in 2007 at the age of 98, was the New River Gorge Bridge’s major architect.

Clarence, known as “Knute,” and his wife, Ruth, are fondly remembered by many in the congregation.

Berne Smith’s parents, Spencer (pastor of CHPC from 1942 to 1975) and Wilhelmina Smith, were best friends with the Knudsens.

According to Berne, Clarence and Ruth both attended the University of Nebraska, with Clarence graduating with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering in 1933. They were married in



Clarence and Ruth Knudsen, 1991

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## ABOUT



## *Preschool Corner: 'Tons of Fun' Finishes Year*

We made it! We've had a successful year of preschool and we're planning on finishing the year with tons of fun.

In April, we had our first story walk. We took the pages from the book "Mouse's First Spring," by Lauren Thompson, and put them on yard signs. We then strategically placed them throughout the church and preschool grounds. Children had an opportunity to read the book and search for items or act out the pages as they walked along. It was such a huge hit with our preschool students and the community that we left it

up for more people to enjoy over the weekend.

Monday, May 10, through Friday, May 14, is our grand finale of the year — the Preschool Art Show. This event is when we take time to display several pieces of the students' artwork from throughout the school year. We turn Fellowship Hall into our gallery.

Because of social distancing protocols, we will be inviting preschool families to visit on scheduled nights. Unfortunately, it won't be available for viewing by the congregation, though members of Dorcas Circle can enjoy it when they attend their monthly meeting.

We will have our raffle basket fundraiser on display during the art show, too. If you are interested in buying a ticket or two in hopes of winning a basket and supporting the preschool, please contact me at [dtarnoci@thechpc.com](mailto:dtarnoci@thechpc.com). I can tell you more about the baskets and their contents.

I cannot express how proud I am of our staff and families for making this year so successful. Their dedication to making this a safe and healthy place to have fun while learning is proof of the wonderful group of people we have here. It's a great place to work, play, and learn!

~Dana Tarnoci

*Deb Juliana leads her students on a story walk set up on the CHPC grounds. Preschoolers and church neighbors enjoyed reading about "Mouse's First Spring" in April.*





# Honoring CHPC's Preschool Teachers

*Teacher Appreciation Week was held May 3-7. Here, our teachers share their favorite parts of the job.*



## First Steps/Betweeners

**Pearl Phillips:** *"The way little children look up to you and show unconditional love."*

### Laura Workman:

*"Connecting with families and making lasting friendships and bonds."*



## Next Steps 3s MW

**JoJo Ruch:** *"Watching the kids grow right in front of your eyes."*

### Maura Brittingham:

*"Watching the pure joy on their faces as they learn something new or perfect something they have been working on. Even with masks the joy shined through in their eyes!" bonds."*



## Virtual Steps

**Elena Bartlett:** *"The delight I see on a child's face when he/she discovers something new. Also, watching a child learn and grow."*



## PreK

**Celeste Black:** *"Playing games and doing science experiments."*

**Kerry Sexton:** *"I love seeing a child's excitement as he/she learns new things, and I love it when they're really proud of something they have accomplished."*



## Next Steps 3s T-Th

**Deb Witzig:** *"The children's energy and creativity while enjoying the simple things – a favorite book, toy, special friend, or snack."*

**Debbie Haar:** *"I love hosting Lunch Bunch in my classroom. ... I love watching the big kids help the little kids play with a new toy and make new friends."*



## Great Steps 3/4s

**Tara Capozzoli:** *"The look they give when you see it 'click' for the first time."*

**Deb Juliana:** *"Being part of the children's lives and watching them have fun, learn, and grow."*

## ABOUT

*New River Gorge Bridge, continued from Page 5*

1942 and moved to Camp Hill, where they raised their four children.

Berne recalls Knute as a “great bridge engineer,” but he also was involved in the design of the stadium at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., and the second stage of Penn State University’s Beaver Stadium. Berne also notes that Knute and Ruth were very involved at CHPC: Knute was on Session, helped with stewardship, and taught Sunday school, while Ruth served as president of the CHPC Women’s Association.

“You could count on Knute and Ruth. They were always around to help,” says Berne. Sandy McBride remembers the Knudsens, as they were her family’s “side-yard neighbors.”

“They were a very sweet and kind couple,” says Sandy. “I remember he was an engineer and helped build the extension onto Beaver Stadium at PSU. My dad, Don Edwards, was a PSU grad and huge fan and was always so impressed with that. He would talk to Clarence about it over the back alley that separated our houses. I remember that they were pretty good gardeners and working in their yards a lot. They were both active in our church.”

Leigh Ellen Baca, my daughter, was the one to bring Clarence Knudsen’s story to my attention. She read an article about New River Gorge, which on Dec. 27, 2020, became America’s 63rd national park. It is now known as the New River

Gorge National Park and Preserve. She knew that Clarence Knudsen had a major role in the New River Gorge Bridge, and that article brought back many memories of Clarence and Ruth.

“Mr. Knudsen was a great person to know,” says Leigh. “One of my favorite stories of him was when I was in middle school and doing the Old Testament reading, I wasn’t tall enough to see over the lectern. I don’t remember who found the box for me to stand on. Mr. Knudsen was giving the Minute for Mission that Sunday, and he was not a tall man. On the Saturday that we did the service run-through, he pops up on the box, winks at me, and says, ‘Now everyone can see me, too!’

The next day, at the worship service, Knute gave Leigh some reassurance about the fact that she was not yet tall enough to see over the lectern. It was wonderful advice for a child then, and it is just as sage for our children today. He said, “It is not how tall you are physically or mentally, rather it is how tall you can stand.” So, children of God, grow robustly in all your endeavors — and your Christian faith!

~John Alford



*CHPC member Knute Knudsen was the major architect of West Virginia’s New River Gorge Bridge. In December, New River Gorge became America’s 63rd national park.*



## CARE

## PW Birthday Offering Has Long History

The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women celebrates a history of generous giving.

Launched in 1922, it has become an annual tradition, funding more than 200 major mission projects that impact the U.S. and countries around the world. Some of the recipients for 2021 include:

■ Memorial Drive Ministries in Stone Mountain, Ga., which is in need of a new roof to replace a leaking one. This partnership between the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and six

other churches provides a welcoming environment for children in the most diverse square mile in America.

■ Garden Gate Ranch in Des Moines, Iowa, a Christian organization that provides safe housing and restorative and transitional services for sexually exploited women and their children

■ The Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Nkhoma, Malawi which offers affordable, accessible healthcare services for all, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ. The Birthday Offering grant will provide

funds to build an obstetrics and gynecology-specific operating room next to the existing prenatal and maternity wards.

Thank you for generously giving to the 2021 Birthday Offering. The gold envelope in your offering envelopes box and on the sanctuary check-in table can be used for your donation.

Give as you have been blessed generously, and as led by the Holy Spirit, and celebrate life's blessings!

~Gail Mark

**"Sing for joy, O Heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains into singing! For the Lord has comforted people, and will have compassion on suffering ones."**

**- Isaiah 49:13**

## Pledge Cards Being Prepared for May Distribution

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

■ Please help us with this year's stewardship campaign by returning your commitment cards promptly! These cards will be going out in an upcoming mailing. They can be consecrated and turned in during the Sunday, May 23, service, or mailed to the church office.

■ Contribution statements for the third quarter were mailed the second week in April. I included all contributions received in the office through April 12, so that everyone can see where they are as we approach the end of the church's fiscal year. While contributions have held up well during the pandemic, we are still somewhat behind where we were last year at this time.

If you find errors in your contribution statement, please contact me at [dwatts@mwn.com](mailto:dwatts@mwn.com) or (717) 503-6518.

■ Contributions for the nine-month period beginning July 1 and ending March 31 were \$313,920.29. With year-to-date receipts as of March 31 at \$391,461.68 and year-to-date expenses at \$348,163.47, year-to-date receipts exceed year-to-date expenses by \$43,298.21. The excess of receipts over expenses is mostly attributable to staff expenses being more than \$60,000 below that projected for nine months into the year because of two vacant positions. As these positions are filled, contributions will need to increase.

~David Watts



## GIVE

*Mission at the Eastward Stock Now Available*

**"During my trip (to MATE), one of my projects was to install a metal roof onto a mobile home. The homeowner was one of the nicest and sweetest people I have ever met. She showed me just how thankful people can be and how much it means to them."**

**—Aaron Frist**

The Mission at the Eastward work crew from Camp Hill Presbyterian Church heads to Farmington, Maine, for a week beginning Saturday, July 17. I am asking that you support this important mission project by purchasing MATE stock.

The pandemic has been hard on everyone. But, imagine having a leak in your roof or windows that need to be replaced. Or, maybe you need a ramp for wheelchair access to your home. The MATE Housing Ministry is there to help with those needs. After a difficult 2020, MATE is resuming its ministry, with plans to serve 75 to 80 client families this year as it strives to "reach the last house on the last road."

Why do MATE volunteers do this work? Because, as stated on the MATE website, "We love to serve God and we care about our neighbors and community. We strive to bring health, safety, and warmth to homes and bring resiliency to the people and communities we serve." Pastor Nancy has reminded our congregation to share our treasure, time, and talents. MATE gives our CHPC crew the opportunity to do all three.

Enclosed in this month's newsletter you will find a MATE sponsorship card which gives you the opportunity to become a MATE stock shareholder. Please fill out the card and return it with your donation. (All checks should be made payable to CHPC with

"MATE" written on the memo line.) Bring it with you to church on Sunday, mail it to the church office, or put it in the mailbox outside the church office. You can also do a direct purchase of MATE stock through our church website using the Online Giving "Donate Now!" button. Or, visit the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church Facebook page to make a MATE stock purchase.

Thank you for your support. Please contact me with any questions at [mfssail@comcast.net](mailto:mfssail@comcast.net) or (717) 645-0845.

~Ellen Smith

## CARE

*CHPC Walking to Support CCU Programs*

Join Team CHPC for the Christian Churches United/Highmark Walk, which supports three of CCU's housing programs: Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven, Winter Overnight Safe Haven for Men, and Winter Overnight Shelter for Women and Non-Binary Persons. The walk takes place Sunday, May 23, at

6:30 p.m. on City Island in Harrisburg.

We hope everyone at CHPC will get involved by either:

- Signing up to walk one, two, or three miles
- Sponsoring someone on Team CHPC with a digital donation
- Or, purchasing a red CHPC T-shirt for \$8 following

Sunday worship services or in the church office.

A link for signing up or donating is available in "CHPCConnections."

For more information about CCU, visit [www.ccuahbg.org](http://www.ccuahbg.org).

~Lindsay Gottwald



## CARE

## Deacons' Digest: Adapting During Unusual Year

As my term as moderator for the Board of Deacons comes to a close, I'm reminded of how gracefully this group of talented Christians navigated the pandemic through reimagined ministries, continued service to those in need, and monthly Zoom meetings.

Our Adopt-A-Grad ministry responded by mailing books about prayer to students who suddenly found themselves navigating uncharted waters. Our Card Ministry became ever more important as simple gestures, from a distance, made all the difference in many lives. The Backpack and School Supply ministry adjusted by collecting supply kits that could be used at

school or at home by students in need.

We added new ministries, including the Homebound Member Outreach. Deacons who "adopted" a member of the congregation stayed in regular contact and provided remote companionship throughout the year. Our Sundae Sunday social was modified to individually wrapped treats from Dairy Queen. We held a Pumpkin Carving Contest, raising hundreds of dollars for New Hope Ministries. Creative jack-o'-lanterns lined Walnut Street for the community to enjoy and vote on with cash donations. We also purchased individually wrapped treats from a local small business and handed

them out to passersby on Valentine's Day as a sign of Christ's love for all.

All things considered, it was a very productive year. Thank you to all who supported our mission. Many thanks to outgoing deacons Tom Beckley, Laura Zulli, E.J. Barben, Sharon Fenicle, and Sherry Stout for their dedication and hard work. A hearty welcome to the newest members: Rob Brown, Alice Crossland, Christine Forbrich, Carol Staz, and Cindy Thompson. Finally, a special thanks to Megan Harbert for taking the reins as moderator for the new term. I am looking forward to all the creative ideas this group comes up with in 2021.

~Joe Harner



## Mission Outreach Ministry Shares Updates

■ Mother's Day flowers from Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties will not be delivered this year due to the pandemic. However, \$200 was donated to this organization, which serves victims at three area offices. Additional congregational support is encouraged.

■ The ministry recently made the following donations: a \$200 addition to

the Peace and Global Witness Offering; \$1,000 each to New Hope Ministries and to the Ecumenical Food Pantry; \$500 each to Christ Lutheran Church's medicine drive and Bethesda Mission.

■ CHPC will support the 44th annual Christian Churches United HELP Ministries Golf Tournament with a donation of \$500 to sponsor a hole and to enter

a team to play Monday, June 7, at Sunset Golf Course in Middletown.

■ We thanked Rick Woodard for chairing our committee for the past six years. Rob Shaw will be our next chair. He has served as the ministry's financial secretary and we look forward to working with him.

~Bobbie Kitzmiller

## CHILDREN & YOUTH



### Youth Updates: Mission Project, Confirmation

■ Youth will gather to assemble buddy bags on Sunday, May 16, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This will complete the Souper Bowl of Caring project for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region. Bring a mask and a friend to help.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this project a success!

■ Nate Ebeling will be confirmed during the upcoming Pentecost service! Please join us in celebrating this accomplishment with Nate.

A new cohort of confirmands begins their journey together Sunday, May 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. The year-long program will feature Bible basics, reading Luke with a mentor from the church, and writing a confirmation of faith. We expect this class to celebrate confirmation in Spring 2022. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, contact me at [lgottwald@thechpc.com](mailto:lgottwald@thechpc.com).

■ We hosted a successful get-together to play yard games on April 25. More

than 20 people came out to play nine-square and corn hole and use the preschool playground. Everyone enjoyed seeing each other again and catching up.

Do you have yard games at home, such as corn hole, bocce ball, or croquet, that you would like to lend to us to facilitate outdoor activities for households with kids and youth? Please send me an email to give me a better idea of resources available through the congregation.

~Lindsay Gottwald

### Vacation Bible School Registration Now Open



Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School, to be held Monday and Tuesday, June 14 and 15, and Thursday and Friday, June 17 and 18. This year's theme is "Treasured."

The program will be limited to a small group of children in a hybrid format, with some activities being sent home to complete.

Register now at [www.camphillpres.org](http://www.camphillpres.org). Questions? Email Monica Zazworsky at [zaz@sprintmail.com](mailto:zaz@sprintmail.com).

~Lindsay Gottwald

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The Rev. Nancy A. Conklin,  
Pastor

Send "Camp Hill Press" submissions by the last Wednesday of the previous month to Andrea Ebeling, [aebeling@thechpc.com](mailto:aebeling@thechpc.com).

#### May Dates to Remember:

- Preschool Art Show and Basket Raffle — Monday, May 10–Friday, May 14
- Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering — Sunday, May 16, noon
- Board of Deacons Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, April 17, 7 p.m.
- Election Day Polling Site — Tuesday, May 18
- Session Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, April 26, 7 p.m.
- Associate Pastor Candidate Leading Worship/Special Congregational Meeting — Sunday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.
- Office Closed — Monday, May 31