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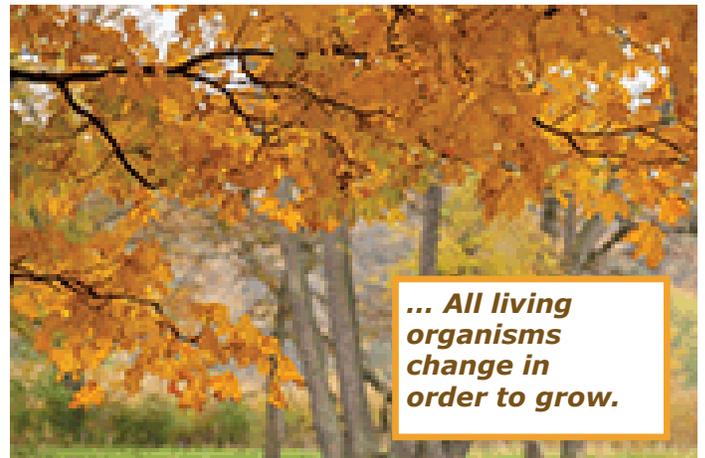
Pastor's Note: 'We Are Autumn People'

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Dear Friends,

Driving back from my prayer retreat in New Jersey, I was pleasantly surprised to see the autumnal colors of fall lining the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Although I'm a beach lover, over the years, fall has become an increasingly favored season of mine, the beauty of the changing colors a vivid reminder that all living organisms change in order to grow. As the bright colors of fall fade away and the leaves make their final descent, rich brown and charcoal colors take center stage. Trees once full of life become barren and gray. Yet, the great mystery is that this decaying season reminds us that new life will be born from all that has died. That is true, not only in the natural world around us, but also in our own spiritual lives as well. Autumn reminds us that when we let go of that which is no longer lifegiving, it falls into the soil of our souls to become fertilizer for spiritual growth. We are



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autumn people. We are always called to be in the process of growing and changing. We enter this season by asking ourselves what is the Spirit inviting us to let go of so that the seeds of new life might be nurtured through the darkness of winter and blossom in spring? We do this trusting that we are held within the calm hands of our God who holds us up. Now that the cooler weather has arrived, the Session has put into place a plan for us to safely return to worshipping indoors. We will resume worship in the sanctuary Sunday, Oct. 11,

at 10:30 a.m. Worship will continue to be available online for those who cannot attend.

Please carefully read the protocols listed on the next page. These were prepared with prayerful consideration of the need to balance the spiritual health of our community with the physical health and welfare of all. May the blessing of Christ continue to be upon us and our whole world as we seek healing and new life.

*Yours for the journey,
Nancy*

ABOUT

Sanctuary Protocols

- The sanctuary will be cleaned prior to scheduled use according to CDC standards. In some cases, a mist of disinfectant will be micro-sprayed on surfaces. These surfaces are not wiped dry, so you may note some dampness on surfaces, but best efforts will be made to ensure adequate drying time prior to scheduled use.
- A hand sanitizer station will be available upon entry to the sanctuary.
- Air conditioning/heating and ventilation decisions will be made based on the timing of the scheduled gathering. To ensure proper ventilation, windows and/or doors will be opened.
- Bathroom and elevator/handicapped access will be available for those who require it.
- Individuals should **enter through the Walnut Street door near the rear of the sanctuary, closest to the parking lot**, and should depart using the same door.
- Attendees should not access areas of the church that have been closed off with tape or signage.

Worship Protocols

- To ensure adequate social distancing worship attendance **will be limited to 50 people**. In the event those desiring to attend indoor worship sufficiently exceeds that limit, an additional service will be provided.
 - All attendees must agree to wear masks while in the church.
 - Pews may be selectively roped off or otherwise designated to ensure social distancing. Family members may be seated together. Non-family members (those not sharing a household) should be seated in a socially distant manner.
 - Worship service will include all core elements (prelude, welcome, prayers, scripture, sermon, benediction, and postlude). Music will be incorporated into the service, but there **will be no congregational singing**. As with the outdoor services, offering plates will be placed at the doors for people to deposit their offerings upon arrival.
 - The use of church hymnals and bibles is not permitted. Printed information used as part of the service will be provided to participants as single-use materials.
 - A record of those attending the service must be kept for purposes of contact tracing. The church will provide a form to record the names and telephone numbers of everyone in attendance and will retain the information for a period in accordance with CDC guidelines.

ABOUT

Session Highlights: Worship Schedule Modified

The CHPC Session met virtually via Zoom conferencing for its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. Among the action items approved were:

- The Session modified the upcoming worship schedule. The final outdoor worship service for the season will be held Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m. Indoor worship will resume in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 10:30 a.m. Further information about safety protocols will be communicated to the CHPC congregation through the newsletter (see Page 2) and email communications.
- The Session affirmed the results of email polls, requested by the Christian

Education and Nurture Ministry and conducted prior to the meeting, through which approval was granted for the hiring of Edith "Pearl" Phillips for the position of assistant teacher and Loura Workman for the position of lead teacher in the CHPC Preschool's under-3s classroom. The Session also approved a motion from the ministry to hire JoJo Ruch as assistant teacher in the 3-4s classroom.

- The Session affirmed the results of an email poll, requested by Staff Commission/Church Administration Ministry, conducted prior to the meeting and through which approval was granted for the hiring of Caleb Frick as temporary music director.

■ The Session approved revised terms for the QSEHRA Medical Reimbursement Plan offered to CHPC staff, with the level of reimbursement available for the coming year to remain at \$5,000.

■ The Session approved a revised music director job description and appointed the following members to serve on the Music Director Search Committee: John Groff (chair), David Getz, Lynn Kloske, Diane Rutzler, Ellen Smith, Abby Tierney, and Nancy Conklin (ex officio).

■ The Session received and approved the August 2020 Financial Report (see "Treasurer's Notes" for details.)

Beth Fine, Clerk of Session



Temporary Music Director Begins Tenure

It is my pleasure to join you as temporary music director for the purpose of providing music during our weekly virtual worship service.

I am a musician with nearly 20 years of sacred music experience, currently serving the congregations of Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Lower Paxton Township, as organist and director of musical ministries, and First United

Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, as organist. My other musical activities include extensive work as a pianist, accompanist, and chamber music partner, regionally and internationally. I also taught at Dickinson College.

I have been in contact with Pam Mitchell to explore ways in which we might add music to the worship services while still abiding by safety

protocols. To that end, we welcome those interested in providing special music to contact me directly to determine how we might safely make use of their talents. I cherish the resources and musical heritage of CHPC, and it would be a joy to work alongside you praising God through music.

Caleb Frick

ABOUT

Member Q&A: Choir Brought Couple Together

This month's "Member Profile" features Bud and Nancy Lemmons, who found love as members of CHPC's choir.

Q: When did you join CHPC?

Bud: We moved to Camp Hill in 1965 from Philadelphia when my job with Gardner Denver Co. transferred me to this area. We lived at 2114 Mayfred Lane. My first wife, Mary Lou, and I met at Holmesburg Presbyterian Church where we were married in 1957. We had two children: a son, Mark, and a daughter, Amy.

Nancy: I joined CHPC in the 1960s.

Q: What brought you to CHPC?

Bud: We tried local churches in the area. One afternoon, Spencer Smith (the minister of CHPC) stopped by for a visit. We

laughed at the reason we say we joined CHPC. Our son, who was 5 at the time, said, "The juice at fellowship is better than at the Lutheran church."

Nancy: I had been a member of Pine Street Presbyterian Church and involved in the choir. As my children got older, we wanted a church that was closer to home so the kids could be involved in church activities. My daughter, Joni, and my son, Joe, wanted to be choir members and we decided that the trip to Camp Hill was much easier than going to Pine Street in Harrisburg. We had also learned that Camp Hill Presbyterian had an excellent choir program, for both adults and children.

Q: What activities were you involved in at CHPC?

Bud: The activities that I participated in at CHPC

were choir for 38 years. I enjoyed the cantatas that we would perform. I was also on session and I helped with Sunday school when Isabel Masland was the director of Christian education. I was involved in the Christians in Service (CiS) program and the Niners ninth-grade-only youth program.

Nancy: I was a member of a church choir for 50 years and have participated in the CHPC choir for as long as I have been a member here. I retired from the choir at the beginning of 2020.

Q: Please tell us about your family.

Bud: I have my son and his wife, Tammy, in Herndon, Va. They have one son, Mark. My daughter lives in Harrisonburg, Va. She has twin daughters, Shannon and Cloe.

Nancy: I have my daughter and her husband, Pete, in Pleasanton, Texas. They have three daughters: Allison, Lauren, and Emma. My son lives in Austin, Texas. I have three great-grandchildren.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

Bud: I enjoyed wood working with Jack Struck. I also enjoyed playing golf.

Nancy: I love to play the piano. I grew up surrounded

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Nancy and Bud Lemmons wed at CHPC in 1993.

ABOUT

Preschool Corner: Students Have Returned

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

We have three new teachers this year:

■ Mrs. Loura Workman is our new First Steps/ Betweeners lead teacher. Her daughters are also going through our program, and we're so happy she's joining our team!

■ Mrs. Pearl Phillips is joining the First Steps/ Betweeners class as the assistant teacher. She has a young son at home that we are hoping can join us as soon as he is a little older.

■ Lastly, we have just hired our third new assistant teacher, Mrs. Jo Ruch. She will be working with Mrs. Maura Brittingham in our Next Steps 3's M-W class.

We are thrilled to have all of these lovely additions to our team. Our CHPC Preschool staff is now complete!

October will be our time for learning about apples, pumpkins, leaves, and everything fall. We will be starting our Lunch Bunch program for our 3-year-olds

and up and most definitely looking forward to our costume parade and "Trunk or Treat" at the end of the month.

We couldn't be happier to be at school!

Dana Tarnoci



Celebrating their first day of school with hats and masks on are students from Mrs. Sexton and Mrs. Black's Pre-K class.

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by music. My father, Russell C. Gillam, was a music professor at Lock Haven University. He was also the choir director and organist for Great Island Presbyterian Church in Lock Haven.

Q: What is your favorite memory of CHPC?

Bud: I met my wife, Nancy, here at church through choir and our social dinner group. We were married in 1993 by Bill Murphey. Dave Binkley was the organist, and Eleanor Hamm sang.

Nancy: My favorite member at CHPC is when I married Bud on Dec. 26, 1993. We

were surrounded by our good friends.

Q: Advice to younger members?

Bud: Be active — participate in church.

Nancy: Be sincere in wanting to keep God in your life.

Bud and Nancy Lemmons, as told to Ellen Smith

ABOUT

"But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!"

— Psalm 22:19

Dorcas Circle Reunites After Lengthy Pause

Dorcas Circle of CHPC, after a hiatus of nearly eight months, met recently on Sept. 24 at 10 a.m., celebrating outside the sanctuary on the front lawn. There were 14 of us in attendance, with several absent due to health reasons. Thank you to Char Ryder Shank and Bernice Ryder for providing the dessert.

As we prayed, we celebrated the lives of four of our saints who departed recently: Shirley Snider, Mary Swartz, Kae Holmes, and Nancy Travitz. These members are gone but never forgotten, as their lives were a testament to our Lord and Savior in their commitment to Him and to our church and community. Memorial funds were voted upon to celebrate their lives.

Prayers were said for all those in harm's way, including Gwen Fourson's nephew, a firefighter in California, and a young child awaiting a second heart transplant. We also prayed for the pandemic and the unrest everywhere plaguing our world. The devotion was one given to us by Shirley Snider shortly before her last hospitalization, and it was very meaningful to all.

Joann Fissel, corresponding secretary, shared an update on the ongoing card ministry. The Ecumenical Food Pantry report was shared by Linda Kelley (see below).

Dorcas Circle will continue its Christmas cards ministry to the Lebanon VA Hospital. Pennie Cavanaugh reported that it was approved by the

facility. Each Circle member was asked to provide 10 to 12 signed cards to be distributed in late November/early December.

Bible Study was conducted by Linda Kelley, with a scripture reading from Psalm 22:1-19 asking for strength in lamentations. The pandemic 2020 was a cause for lament, and this scripture is one that underlines our need to turn to Him. We ended the morning in a closing prayer in unison: "Loving God, you are near us always. When we lament and when we praise, we feel you near. May we live our lives in full awareness that life is lived in your presence. Amen."

Peace to all until we meet again!

Gail Mark

GIVE

Ecumenical Food Pantry's Needs Continue

The Ecumenical Food Pantry is alive and well. It is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Instead of volunteer groups assigned to a day per month, individuals are signing up for a day (or more) each month. Since all our

CHPC volunteers fall into the high-risk category, we have not been able to sign up. The needs of people continue, however.

CHPC's Mission Outreach Ministry recently donated \$500 to EFP. Those of you who would like to give

further to this cause can do so by getting a check made out to CHPC with "Ecumenical Food Pantry" on the memo line, to the church office by Sunday, Nov. 22. Thanks for your support.

Linda Kelley

GIVE

Notes From the CHPC Treasurer

■ During this difficult time, we are asking those of you who normally place your contributions in the offering plate but are not attending the Sunday service in person to mail your contributions to the CHPC office, 101 N. 23rd Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

■ Contributions for August were \$31,993. This compares to \$34,747.62 in August 2019 and \$34,738.32 in August 2018. With year-to-date expenses at \$82,110.03, year-to-date

expenses exceed year-to-date receipts by \$8,599.47. Please help us to balance the budget by bringing your commitments up to date.

■ We spent \$137,587 on building renovations in 2019. The endowment has loaned CHPC \$100,000 to help pay for these costs. So far, we have raised more than \$91,000 of the \$100,000 needed to repay the loan. If you are interested in making a contribution to help CHPC repay the rest of the loan,

you can mail a check to the CHPC office.

■ Have you thought about including CHPC in your will or as a partial beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy? Help CHPC thrive for generations! Various generous bequest have helped make CHPC what it is today. If you have questions, contact me at dwatts@mwn.com or (717) 503-6518.

David Watts, Treasurer

CARE

Many Thanks to the CHPC Congregation

■ Dear Friends,

I thank all of you who sent an email, called, prayed, or sent a card to me when my niece Mary Swartz passed away suddenly. It was really a shock to all of us, and my church family and friends gave me much comfort to get through it all. Thanks to all who came to the service or watched it online.

I miss seeing all of you. Please be safe and well.

*Blessings,
Joann Fissel*

■ To the Members of the Congregation,

It is with a humble heart that I wish to thank each of you for your overwhelmingly gracious financial gifts and

countless number of cards, emails, and letters I have received. What love and warmth you have brought to my heart through your kind words and sentiments.

Thank you all for blessing and enriching my live during my time serving at CHPC — I am forever changed for the better by your love, support, and continued prayers.

Your prayers have carried me through many a trying day and I will forever be grateful. God bless you all and know that I send my love and prayers to each of you and thank you again for this incredible farewell gift.

*Much love,
Dan Dorty*

■ Dear Friends,

Thank you all for the wonderful expressions of gratitude and appreciation for my ministry here at CHPC on the occasion of my first anniversary as your pastor. So many of you commented, not exactly what anyone could have envisioned at the beginning of a new ministry, but I am deeply grateful God called me here “for such a time as this.” I look forward with great excitement and anticipation to all that Christ will accomplish through us in the years ahead.

*Grace and peace,
Nancy*



CARE



Anne Gray and Ward Sarvis

CHPC's Krislund Walk-a-thon a Success

On Sunday, Sept. 27, Camp Hill Presbyterian Church held a walk-a-thon benefiting Krislund Camp and Retreat Center. After a summer without campers, the vital Christian education center aims to raise \$10,000 to pay for basic expenses.

So far, CHPC's fundraiser has raised more than \$700 for Krislund. Sixteen people completed the half-mile course once or

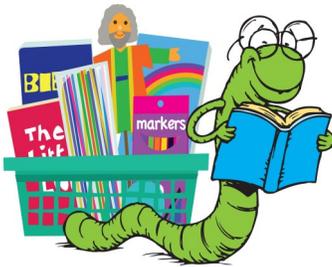
multiple times, for a total of 20.5 miles. Thanks to a generous donor who pledged \$10 for each mile walked, the group earned \$205 by walking alone. Brother and sister Ward and Anne Gray Sarvis shared the "Gnome of Triumph" trophy for most miles walked, with 6.5 miles clocked between the two of them. Thanks the youth for marking the course and the Fellowship

and Membership Ministry team for coordinating snacks and water.

If you missed the walk-a-thon, you can still donate through October via check or online payment at www.camphillpres.org/giving. Please write "Krislund" in the check memo or in the online comment/notes section.

Lindsay Gottwald

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Children, Youth Learning About Lord's Prayer

Children and youth continue to learn about the Lord's Prayer in family worship and Sunday School. In family worship, kids up to Grade 5 will learn motions to accompany the Lord's Prayer and listen to read-alouds of children's books illustrating the prayer's themes such as:

"Love you Forever" by Robert Munsch; "Stone Soup" by Jon J. Muth, "The Mitten" by Jan Brett; "No, David!" by David Shannon; "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" by Mo Willems; and "Let the Whole Earth Sing Praise" by Tommy de Paola.

Youth in middle school and high school will be

combining socializing and learning time into one hour on Sunday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. for the time being in order to facilitate having two adults present at meeting times. Check your Family Resources emails for links and news about an upcoming outdoor get-together!

Lindsay Gottwald

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CHPC October Highlights:

- Return to Indoor Services — Sunday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m.
- Board of Deacons Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
- Session Meeting, via Zoom — Monday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.