



The Messenger

January 2016

Cherry Hill
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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C.H.A.S.E. POTLUCK DINNER & GAME NIGHT

Saturday, January 16, 2016

6:00 p.m. Memorial Parlor

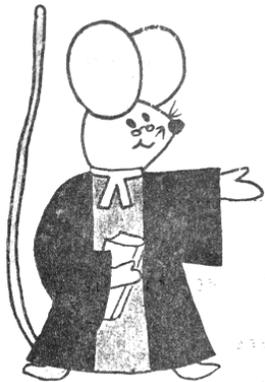
Join us for this fun annual event! Dress casual. Bring an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert, and your favorite games. We'll provide the beverages. This is the fellowship event that we all look forward to each January, and a wonderful way to spend a cold winter evening.

Please sign up on the clipboard in Weir Foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Dean or Sherry Brown.



** If you have suggestions for future C.H.A.S.E. events, please contact Sherry Brown, Mary Boudreau, Sharon Dean or Elaine Filiak.

Epiphany Thoughts



On the church calendar, January 6 is Epiphany. Epiphany is the day on which we remember and celebrate the visit of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus. As I read and pondered the simple yet profound story of the shining star which summoned the Wise Men, I made a New Year's resolution to myself for 2016 that I am going to try very hard to keep. That resolution or promise is that I must not be blind to the star that is shining right over my own place.

Sometimes the most difficult star to follow is the one which shines right over where we are today and calls us to daily duty right where we are. The most obvious opportunities are often those which we overlook. The brilliant light of some far away star can blind us to the warm glow of some little star shining right over our own home. Little people, little duties, and little adventures can be lost in our longing for something much larger.

I share this with you because I've come to realize how important certain little things become when it is all said and done. We spend so much of our life upon the big projects which are often quickly forgotten. We work long hours building a big business or a big church. We sit long committee meetings. We are recognized with various awards or honorary degrees. All of these accomplishments and affiliations make for an impressive, itemized list in our obituary. Some preacher may even read a list of these things at our funeral or sermonize on them. However, as this long list is read, our children and family and closest friends will remember the seemingly insignificant but bright moments spent together.

Don't ever say, "I'm just a housewife; all I do is cook and clean and help with homework." You may never know how much those hours spent at the kitchen table helping with math, reading, and spelling homework meant to your son or daughter. You may never know how much your family truly appreciates all the seemingly small things you do. After all, they might just be the things they will remember the most about you.

Don't ever say that you are too busy with your career or your work to spend quality time with your family. You may never know how much that Saturday or Sunday afternoon spent playing catch with your clumsy son, who missed the ball more than he caught it, meant to him. You may never know how much the small bouquet of flowers or breakfast in bed meant to your spouse.

The star in the long ago Eastern sky summoned the Wise Men to embark upon a long, difficult journey far away. The star which summons us may not be very far away at all. It may not draw us across barren deserts or dense jungles. The star which summons us may require just one small step in a new direction. The star which summons us might be calling us to just let our hand touch the hand of the person closest to us, to tell them that they are sacred and special to us.

So, during this Epiphany season and New Year, I hope that you will not be blind to the stars which may be shining right over our own place. Sometimes that short journey may be the most difficult pilgrimage of our life. Sometimes it is the smallest trips in life which require the most from us. However, those who are willing to take that difficult little step and face the challenge of the ordinary will learn the courage to reach for some star which may be calling them from far away. However, the adventure of the Christian life always begins close to home with the focus upon ordinary people, and it is fed by the plain fare of simple tasks done in Christ's name.

With gratitude and friendship,

Mark

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church for Sunday, January 31, 2016 immediately following worship in Memorial Parlor. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the 2015 reports of the church's life and ministry. Annual reports will be available beginning Sunday, January 24. Please remember to bring your report with you to the meeting as we will only have enough for one per family. Committee chairs are reminded that all annual reports are due in the church office by January 15, 2016.



2016 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Take the Next Step

It is with gratitude and joy that we share the results of this year's stewardship campaign, "Take the Next Step":

Total Pledges Received: 74* Goal: 70

***Of the 74, 18 are new pledges for 2016**

Total Amount Pledged: \$152,000 Goal: \$150,000



We are so grateful for all those who have pledged. Your pledge is not just about a certain amount of money, but it demonstrates your commitment to the ministry and mission of Cherry Hill Church. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, it's not too late! Pledge cards are available in the church office.

2016 PER CAPITA - \$25.04

Per Capita literally means "per person." The Per Capita apportionment is an assessment paid to the General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery of Detroit for administrative costs at all three levels of the church. It is requested that each active member of all Presbyterian Church pay the per capita apportionment which enables the church to carry out the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ, locally and throughout the world.

This year's per capita is \$25.04.

Cherry Hill's active membership reported to General Assembly at the end of 2014 was 233. Therefore, as a church we are responsible for \$5,834.32 ($233 \times \$25.04 = \$5,834.32$)

Included with your Offering Envelopes for 2016 is a Per Capita Envelope. All members are encouraged to place \$25.04 (the amount requested for each active member of your family) during January (if possible) and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. While we and the presbytery greatly appreciate receiving per capita offerings in January, please be aware that per capita is accepted at anytime during the year.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Our thirty minute worship services continue on Wednesday evenings. We will continue with this meaningful time of worship, along with the "First Wednesday" potluck! We hope you will join us.

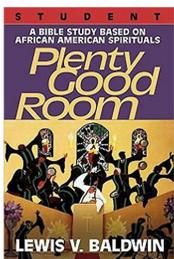




Session Highlights December 15, 2015

- Received the work of correcting membership roll-no longer inactive members (you're a member or you're not!)
- Received a 2016 budget draft
- Received the work of clarifying our endowment funds and designated accounts-preliminary work before a financial review of all accounts
- Received the up-to-date Stewardship report; we are very close to our goal in pledge units and pledge amount
- Received Deacon Board report including the completion of Christmas gifts for Second Mile Center children and their intention to form a contact list especially for members who live alone
- Received information about upcoming performance reviews of staff
- Received information about upcoming Journey to Bethlehem
- Received information about newspaper ads for current events at Cherry Hill
- Approved Mission Committee's request to hold Souper-Bowl Sunday lunch on Sunday, February 7, 2016
- Approved Mission Committee's disbursement of funds: \$400 to First Step, \$400 to Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics, \$400 to Shared Ministry budget of the Detroit Presbytery
- Received progress report on the basement project from the Property Committee
- Accepted with gratitude the donation of a refrigerator for Chapel Parlor kitchen
- Approved Communion dates for 2016 (Worship & Music Committee)
- Received report of Measure for Measure Concert success and expressed gratitude to Jan Porath & helpers for the reception that followed
- Approved a required Sexual Misconduct Policy for Cherry Hill
- Discussed a reorganization of committees, the upcoming Officer Retreat for January 9 & approved Jan. 31, 2016 for the Annual Congregational Meeting

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Beginning next Sunday, January 10, Rev. Mark Phillips will lead a six-week study entitled "Plenty Good Room: A Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals."

This study will feature six familiar spirituals and will explore the rich biblical content of each song as well as the history and context of the spirituals' origins. The class meets in Chapel Parlor at 9:00 am. All are invited to join us.

A TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS

This month we will ordain and install new elders and deacons to serve as officers in our congregation. And, we will say thank you to those whose terms are complete. Julius Otten is completing his time on the Session. Mary Boudreau, Jeff Levangie and John Porath are coming on for a second term and Sherry Brown has been elected to a three year term.

Sherry Brown, Helen Turchan, Linda Lee Oke, and Louis Sequin are completing terms on the Board of Deacons. Elaine Filiak is returning for a three year term and we welcome newly elected deacons Marilyn Beadle, Cindy Brighton, Cora Houghan, John Nichols, and Ken Simon.



HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

Have you been attending Cherry Hill for a while and would you like to learn more about us? Are you interested in becoming a member of our church family? If so, you are invited to attend our next membership seminar, "Cherry Hill and Me." A group of interested persons is currently being formed and will take place during the month of February. If you would like to be part of the group, please contact Rev. Mark Phillips by calling the church office or by email at vicarmark@cherryhillchurch.org.

HELPING HAND NEEDS

Helping Hand would like to suggest 16 oz. jars of jelly and bags or boxes of rice for your January donation.



As a reminder, the 1st Sunday of every month is when the pantry is encouraging members of the church to bring in their donations. However a donation of any food, at any time, is always appreciated! Monetary donations are always welcome, too! Be sure to mark Helping Hand on your check and envelope.

Happy Birthday to all who have a January birthday!



- 2 Joyce Knoop
Abigail Masters
- 3 Tony Elia
- 5 Ray Scoboria
Brad Garber
Edith Mambi
- 6 Don Van Kirk
- 10 Helen Cumming
- 11 Linda Krolik
Carolyn Vanden Bosch
- 13 Ian Joachim
- 14 Jacob Lucero
- 17 Peder Blohm
Sarah Endlein
- 26 Demarkus Simon
Doug Wood
- 28 Suzanne Wallace

If you find any birth date incorrect or realize that a birthday has been omitted, please contact the church office so that a correction can be made.

The **Men's Breakfast Group** continues into 2016 meeting on the third Thursday of every month. This month they will meet on **January 21st** at Rex's Golden Grill on Telegraph Rd. just south of the church. Everyone is welcome!



tacklehunger.org

SM "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" is inspiring movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world. This prayer, given by Brad Smith, a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, gave birth to an idea. That was 1990. Since then, people have generated an extraordinary amount of more than \$90 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country.

Please plan on joining the Mission Team, after church on **Sunday, February 7th**, for our SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY. The game plan is simple. YOU are a key player on our team to win a victory on fighting hunger!

We will be serving delicious hot soup and salad. A free will donation will be accepted and all proceeds will be going to help tackle hunger right here in our community to our Helping Hand Food Pantry.

There is a sign up sheet in Weir Foyer to indicate your attendance - this is a full participation sport! If you are unable to stay for the lunch, we will have a collection pot for your donations in Weir Foyer and the Narthex.



Grateful!

Thank you to the Music & Worship Committee, Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill, and countless individuals who assisted with our church's December concerts. Your donations of time, talent, and energy were very much appreciated!

Upcoming Concert at Cherry Hill Church

Anthony Bonamici, Piano

Sponsored by the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, February 21 at 3pm

Sanctuary

Tickets will be available after worship beginning Feb 7.

Anthony Bonamici is currently Associate Professor at the Russian State Pedagogical University where he has been teaching piano performance and chamber music since 2007. He performs as a soloist and in ensembles and has performed chamber music at the Mariinsky Concert Hall with leading members of the Mariinsky Theater Orchestra. He also conducts master classes and adjudicates competitions.

Anthony was born in Livonia, Michigan where, as a child and teenager, he studied piano with Professor Donald Morelock at Schoolcraft College and composition with Professor Andrew Meade at the University of Michigan. We are thrilled to welcome him back to Michigan and to our sanctuary in February!

Blessings, *Meghan Meloy Ness*, Director of Music

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. A special worship service will be held in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. It will include the imposition of ashes and the Lord's Supper

Worship SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 10

Ordination & Installation of Officers

"You Are Somebody!"

- 2 Corinthians 11: 21-b-30, 12: 1-10

Sunday, January 17

"Can Somebody Give Me Back My Dreams?"

- Joel 2: 28-32, Luke 4: 16-21

Sunday, January 24

"The Importance of the Little Toe"

- I Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Sunday, January 31

"The Seven Last Words of the Church"

- Luke 5: 33-39

Sunday, February 7

Transfiguration Sunday/ Communion

"Seeing the Complete Picture"

- Luke 9: 28-43

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Building Closed No CHUP	2
3 Lord's Supper 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School	4 4:00pm New Beginnings-Ram's Horn 7pm Cubs Comm Mtg-HH CHUP Resumes→	5 6pm PW Xmas Un-decorating 6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST 7pm Peace Circle-MP 7pm Property Mtg-HH 7pm ACOA-CP	6 10am Pikeville Circle @ Henry Ford Village 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6pm Potluck Dinner 7pm Worship - C 7:30-9pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7pm New Officer Training-MP	8 5-8pm Cadettes-Rm 224	9 10am Elder/Deacon Retreat 1pm-5pm Baron's Xmas Party-MP
10 Baptism of the Lord 9am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School	11 4:00pm New Beginnings-Bob Evans 7pm Cubs -ST	12 6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm CE Mtg-CE 7pm ACOA-CP	13 10am-3pm Helping Hand 5pm W & M Mtg - MP 7pm Worship - C 7:30-9pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Mission Mtg-HH	14 7pm Deacon Mtg-MP	15 Deadline for Annual Reports!	16 6pm CHASE Potluck & Game Night-MP
17 D.A.I.N. MLK Worship 9am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School	18 MLK Day Office Closed No CHUP 4:00pm New Beginnings-Rex's	19 6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm Session Mtg - MP 7pm ACOA-CP	20 10am-3pm Helping Hand 7pm Worship - C 7:30-9pm Choir Rehearsal	21 9am Men's Breakfast @ Rex's	22	23
24 9am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School	25 9:10am CHUP Bd Mtg-MP/GP 4:00pm New Beginnings-Leon's 7pm Cubs -ST 7pm CHUP Gen Mtg-MP/CP	26 6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP	27 9:30 PW CT Mtg-MP 10am-3pm Helping Hand 7pm Worship - C 7:30-9pm Choir Rehearsal	28 CHUP Field Trip 11am Colony Club-MP	29 CHUP Field Trip	30
31 Annual Congregational Meeting 9am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:30am Congregational Mtg-MP						

Annual Women's Retreat

***Friday evening around 6 pm, April 22 thru Sunday noon, April 24
Faholo Christian Conference Center, Grass Lake, MI***

For everything there is a season, and a time. A time to plant, and a time to sow; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to dance, and a time to embrace; a time to keep silent and a time to speak and definitely a time to go away on a retreat and do all of these things!! Garden Getaway is our theme for this year's retreat at a new location and a new time of year than in the past.

We will spend two nights at the Faholo Christian Center, only an hour west of us on I-94. The price of \$125 provides 2 nights in a hotel-like room (shared by three people with linens provided), 5 meals, all the materials needed for our program, meeting space, pool and Jacuzzi! Anyone only available for one night would be \$63 and if you are only available for the day, a "meals only" plan is available too. Confidential scholarships are available, please contact Lisa Levangie.



All women, moms, sisters, daughters, 18 years and older who are members or friends are welcome to attend. Please use the sign up sheet to indicate your interest and for the planning team to be able to contact you and track payments. Any questions, contact Lisa Levangie in the church office.



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