



Cherry Hill

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 2015

The Messenger

*Friends in Christ,
every year at the time of the Christian Passover
we celebrate our redemption through the death and
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration
and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.
We begin this holy season
by acknowledging our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes.
This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and
uncertainty of human life,
and marks the penitence of this community.*

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ,
to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination, penitence, prayer,
fasting, and by works of love,
and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.*



With these words, we are called to enter into the 40 days of Lent. The invitation is to reflect on our own living in light of Christ's teaching found in Matthew 6:1-18. This teaching provides the tasks of Christian life: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting.

- Giving alms -- sharing one's wealth/goods with the marginalized
- Praying -- bringing before God the concerns/needs of the community
- Fasting -- seeking atonement for one's self and community

Join your sisters and brothers in Christ for worship in the Chapel on **February 18** at **7:30 p.m.** to begin this Lenten journey. Our service will include prayer, music, time for personal reflection, the imposition of ashes for those who desire, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Let us enter this most holy season with hearts that are open to God's re-creation of us as individuals and as a congregation.

Cherry Hill's Mission Statement

We are committed to discerning and doing God's will, through worship, study, and mission while becoming a more open, supportive community of members and neighbors. Welcoming everyone. Including all.

Adopted by Session December 17, 2013



*My heart, O God, is steadfast;
I will sing and make music with all my soul.
Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples. -Psalm 108*

Do you feel called to make a contribution to Cherry Hill's Music Ministry? Listed below are a few ways that you can share your gifts! To express your interest, simply stop by the organ after a worship service or contact Meghan Meloy at meghan.meloy@gmail.com.

Bell Choir

Bell Choir meets every other week on Sundays from 11:45am-12:30pm. We will be seeking new members to ring during April and May. Reading music is helpful but not a requirement.

Adult Choir

Adult Choir rehearses every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30pm. We are currently seeking individuals who would like to share their voices for Palm/Passion Sunday (March 29) and Easter Sunday (April 5).

Publicity

Measure for Measure, A Men's Chorus, will perform at Cherry Hill on Sunday, April 19, and the Music Ministry needs assistance with publicity for this event. Responsibilities include selling tickets and advertising this event to our greater community.

Upcoming Concerts:

Measure for Measure, A Men's Chorus

Sunday, April 19, 4:00 p.m.

Measure for Measure was founded in 1988 to provide an opportunity for men to perform music composed and arranged for male chorus. Chorus members come from all over Southeast Michigan, ranging in age from twenty one to over eighty. The group has earned praise for their lively musical excellence in performances throughout America and Europe. Steven Lorenz, Music Director & Conductor.

Vanguard Voices

Saturday, May 16, 4:00 p.m.

Vanguard Voices is a 65-voice, adult mixed choir based in Dearborn, Michigan. The auditioned group, whose members' experience ranges from music professionals to dedicated amateur choristers, maintains a full performance schedule from September to June each year. Concert will feature "Cloths of Heaven" by Frank LaRocca. G. Kevin Dewey, Artistic Director.

Blessings,

Meghan Meloy
Director of Music

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church for Sunday, February 15, following worship in Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive the 2014 reports of the church's life and ministry and to elect elders, deacons, and the 2015 Nominating Committee.

The annual report booklet will be available on Sunday, February 8, so you can review it before the meeting. Please remember to bring your report booklet with you to the meeting as we will only have enough for one per family.

Lenten Study with Dinner each Wednesday of Lent, beginning February 25, 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Parlor

Let's sing our way through this Lenten season! The study "Will You Come and Follow Me?" takes a look at the text of various Lenten hymns. Each week, we will discover the meaning of a hymn text and learn more about the hymn writer. We will also discuss how the text relates to us today.

The following hymns will be reviewed, one each week: "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days," "Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)," "To God Be the Glory," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."

A Participant Handout will be available each week to offer background information for these forty-five minute discussions.

Bring a dish to share for dinner, and an openness to growing in our relationship with God.

Annual Women's Retreat Friday, March 6 — Sunday, March 8



Looking for a time away from the busyness of life? A time to "stop and smell the roses" as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God? Well, you've come to the right place! At our Garden Getaway, you'll find a lovely spot to slow down and walk with God at a leisurely pace. It includes worship, Bible study, personal reflection and a beautiful high tea.

We begin on **Friday, March 6th** with a light supper and the weekend will wrap up by 1 pm, after lunch, on **Sunday, March 8th**. Our getaway is at **Howell Nature Center**, and the cost is \$90 per person (confidential scholarships are available – contact Lisa Levangie) for six delicious meals (you'll be asked to bring some food), fun, creative activities, and comfortable lodging. If you can only come for Saturday and not stay overnight, the price is only \$20.

Look for the sign up sheet in Weir Foyer. For more information please contact Lisa Levangie.



Session Highlights January 20, 2015

- Accepted with regret the request from Amanda Brown to be removed from the active roll
- Approved the request of Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Girl Scout troops to sell cookies in our parking lot February 13-March 22 with scheduling preferences for the troops who meet at Cherry Hill and accepting their pledge to donate canned goods to Helping Hand
- Gave our support to Boy Scout Troop 1111 for their Annual Pancake Supper to be held on Friday, February 13 as a fundraiser
- Set February 15 for our Annual Meeting of the Congregation-Corporation at which time new officers and nominating committee members will be elected
- Set Feb. 22 for ordination/installation of new elders & deacons following training led by Rev. Nichols
- Discussed the 2015 budget in its preliminary form
- Elected Mary Boudreau as Clerk and David Hollingsworth as Treasurer for 2015



We've still been meeting every week, reviewing information at home, and having serious conversations with several candidates. Some are local and some are from other states. We've received and reviewed 83 PIFs (Pastor Information forms) so far.

We continue to receive positive comments about our MIF, our self-study and our web site & Facebook page.

Visits to our church building and the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights community tours we've provided have been successful with additional positive comments.

We will soon be visiting other churches to be present when pastors present sermons.

Needless to say, we're looking forward to the day when we can make an exciting announcement to the congregation as much as any of you are.

We appreciate your continued prayers and support.

Mary Boudreau, Judi Fraser, Jeff Levangie, Jim Thorpe, Kris Williams



The 2014 Rummage Sale was held on October 17th and 18th, 2014. There were close to, if not more than, 125 people who gave of their time. This number includes the court workers who came on 9 separate days before, during and after the sale. Without them, the sale would have been much more difficult to accomplish. But our own members and friends came out to help in numbers, and we are very grateful for all of their help. It was a good time for camaraderie and fellowship.

The final figure after the two days of the sale came to \$12,648.10. After expenses, we had \$10,018.97 to disperse. A meeting was held to decide where the money should be spent. \$700.00 would go to cleaning the carpeting (foyer & hall down past the Memorial Parlor, Memorial Parlor, Chapel Parlor, choir room and office suites), \$3,000 will be used to upgrade all office computers, \$1,000 to Helping Hand, \$2000 to The Second Mile Center, \$1,000.00 to The Penrickton Center for the Blind and \$1,000.00 to First Step Domestic Violence Shelter. Half of our profit went to mission, that's wonderful!



Jaclyn Hollingsworth graduated from Grand Valley State University, December 6, 2014, with BBA degrees in Marketing and Business Economics.



Owen William Jamnik was born to proud parents, Brad & Katie (Porath) Jamnik on December 26, 2014 at 1:33 a.m.

He was 6 lbs. 14 ozs., 19" long. His proud grandparents are John & Jan Porath and his proud great-grandparents are Doug & Olive Sherby.



Happy Birthday to all that have a February birthday!

- 1 Susan Link
- 2 Jenna Kisell
- Maxine Shaw
- 4 Kim Giandiletti
- Kevin Swahn
- Bill Terrell
- Chuck Thomas
- Susan Waddell
- 5 Debbie Bechtel
- Bret Levangie
- 6 David Kerr
- 7 Erin Wensorski
- 8 Pam Hollingsworth
- Margaret Papke
- Jonelle Robinson
- 13 Ken Baron
- 15 Judie Fraser
- 16 Mark Houghan
- 17 Alice Holderby
- Stephen Houghan
- 21 Tracey Hoepfner
- Doug Sherby
- 22 Lynda Kisell
- Linda Lee Oke
- John Matthews, Sr.
- 23 Rebecca Dear
- 24 Winnie Murphy
- 25 Harvey Dean
- Ben Dear

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.

Fort Street Open Door Tree Update



Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill would like to thank all of you who donated items to the Fort Street Open Door Tree this past holiday season.

We received 187 items that had a total value of \$946.00. Most of the items were given to the Fort Street Open Door program.

The children's hats, scarves, mittens and gloves were given to The Second Mile Center, and the women's hats were given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. All three Detroit agencies were very appreciative of our generosity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Helping Hands is off to a good start this year with canned goods and food, thanks to our members and other church's contributions, BUT we are now in need of volunteers to help run the pantry on Wednesdays. There is a morning shift (10am-12:30pm) and an afternoon shift (12:30pm-3pm), which both need to be filled. There are only two members from our church that are currently volunteering to work. Please prayerfully consider how you can help out.

Thanks, Carolyn VandenBosch, Chair

A Note from the Library.....

How long has it been since you visited our cozy Cherry Hill library? There are many interesting & entertaining books available as well as Bible study materials, dvds, and cds.

Consider some of the following books which are easy to find on the shelf:

The Secret of Happiness by Billy Graham
226.93

Angels: God's Secret Agents by Billy Graham
235.3

Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories by Robert J. Morgan 782.2

The Practical Prophet: Pastoral Writing by Bishop Ken Untener 353

The Preacher and the Presidents: Billy Graham in the White House by Nancy Gibbs & Michael Duffy 269.2

Everyday Matters: Intersections of Life and Faith by L. Gregory Jones 248.4

When God Prays: Discovering the Heart of Jesus in His Prayers by Skip Heitzig 231

When the River Runs Backward: How to Make it from Tears to Laughter by Rev. Dr. L Wilson Kilgore (former pastor at Cherry Hill) 158



Check Out a Library Book

Anna B. Hoadley Scholarship Fund

Members and their immediate family are eligible to apply for the 2015 Anna B. Hoadley Scholarship if they plan to attend or are currently attending an accredited Presbyterian college, university or seminary. Scholarship recipients may reapply for subsequent scholarships. Information is available in the church office. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2015.



We want to thank those of you who have designated the church to receive a check from Meijer Community Rewards. We received a check for \$105.41! If you already shop at Meijer, then you should sign up for the church to be designated for their reward funds. If you need help to get that done, call the church office.

We also received a check from Gordon's Food Service for \$6.87. Thank you to those of you that have the church designated.



Boy Scout Troop 1111's Annual Pancake Supper Friday, February 13, 2015

Mark your calendar for this fun annual dinner in Fellowship Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices:

\$7 for adults

\$5 for seniors and children 12 & under

4 years old and under are free

Tickets will be available to purchase at the door! This is the Troop's major fundraiser to help support their scouting program. You won't want to miss the delicious pancakes and sausage.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy Our thoughts and
prayers are extended to:

The family of our long-time member Christina Cuthbertson, who died January 17, 2015. She joined our church in June 1959. Memorial gifts, in her memory, will benefit the church and Helping Hand.

The family of Priscilla McCracken, who died January 5, 2015.

The family of Katherine Franks, who died December 22, 2013 in Florida. The church was just recently notified.

Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church

Email: office@cherryhillchurch.org
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Church Office Hours:
Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m. in Sanctuary

Church School

Newborn to 2 years:

Are invited to play in the nursery while parents attend church.

Children ages 2 years old through Kindergarten:

Will meet in Room 229 before Worship, teacher will bring children to hear the Children's Message, then return to Room 229 to experience Godly Play curriculum.

Grades 1 through 5:

Will attend Worship with their family, then leave after the Children's Message to hear a story, watch a movie, and do a craft in Room 224 (the boat room).

Grades 6 through 12:

Will attend Worship with their family, then leave after the Children's Message to do a small group study in room 203.

Publishing Deadlines

The *Messenger* deadline
Is the 15th of each month.

The weekly bulletin deadline is
noon Monday for the following Sunday.

Send articles or information to:
Lisa Levangie
lisa@cherryhillchurch.org

Cherry Hill's Leadership

The Session

Class of 2014

Jim Brown	John Nichols
Sharon Morton	Bill Terrell

Class of 2015

Mary Boudreau	John Porath
Jeff Levangie	Julius Otten

Class of 2016

Pam Hollingsworth	Wendy Solgan
John Matthews, Jr	Carrie Thorpe

Clerk of Session	Mary Boudreau
Church Treasurer	David Hollingsworth

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2014

Donna Chambers	Diana Oberdier
Judie Fraser	Ken Simon
Suzanne Wallace	

Class of 2015

Elaine Filiak	Louis Sequin
Linda Lee Oke	Helen Turchan

Class of 2016

Kathy Kerr	Janet Reickel
Winnie Murphy	Ray Scoboria
Carolyn VandenBosch	

Deacon Moderator	Janet Reickel
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The Church Staff

Neeta R. Nichols	Interim Pastor
Meghan Meloy	Director of Music
Lisa Levangie	Administrative Director
Kim McDonald	Financial Secretary
Mark Osborne	Custodian/Security

The Office Volunteers

Monday	Elaine Filiak
Tuesday	Joyce Knoop/Janet Reickel
Wednesday	Judie Fraser
Thursday	Sherry Brown
Friday	Marge McCusker/Linda Willis

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Lord's Supper 10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45am Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>4:00pm New Beginnings-Ram's Horn 7pm Cubs Comm Mtg-HH</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP 7pm Peace Circle-MP 7pm Property Mtg-HH</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>10am-3pm Helping Hand 7-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>6:30pm PNC Mtg</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>3-5:30pm Cadettes</p>	<p><i>7</i></p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>4:00pm New Beginnings-Bob Evans 7pm Cubs -ST</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>10am-3pm Helping Hand 10am Pikeville Circle - Villages of Westland 5pm W & M Mtg - MP 7-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm CE Mtg - CE</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>7pm Deacon Mtg - MP</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>4pm Boy Scout Pancake Supper - FH</p>	<p><i>14</i></p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45am Youth Choir Rehearsal 12pm Annual Meeting of the Congregation—Corporation—FH</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>4:00pm New Beginnings-Rex's 7pm Cubs -ST</p> <p>CHUP Mid-Winter Break</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP 7pm Session Mtg - MP</p> <p>→</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday/ Lord's Supper</p> <p>10am-3pm Helping Hand</p> <p>7:30pm Worship 7-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Mission Mtg - MP</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>9am Men's Breakfast @ Rex's</p> <p>→</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>→</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>10:15am Worship Service & Sunday School 11:45am Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>CHUP Resumes 9:10am CHUP Bd Mtg - MP/GP 4:00pm New Beginnings-Leon's 7pm Cubs -ST</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts-ST/PR 7pm ACOA-CP</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>9:30am PW CT Mtg - MP 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6pm Lenten Study with Dinner hosted by Session—MP 7-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>6pm. Greenfield Pres. Youth Group Overnight</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>3pm. Greenfield Pres. Lvs</p>