



The Messenger

July/August 2015

Cherry Hill
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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SUMMER



SCOOPS

& Stories

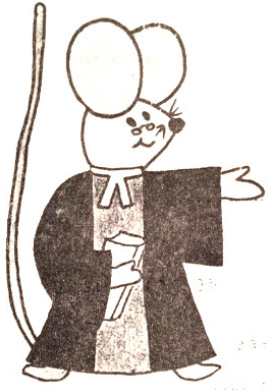
**THURSDAYS, JULY 9, 16, 23 & 30
at 7:00 P.M.**

Scoops is an intergenerational program which includes a story and songs from the life of Moses in the Chapel, then adults stay for a Pastor-led discussion and the kids will go to create a craft. Following that, we all join together to enjoy an ice cream sundae bar! If you would like to help out, volunteers are needed to assist with crafts and ice cream.

Please invite your neighbors and friends!

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**This is a FREE event,
however, donations to our
Helping Hand Food Pantry are welcome!**



Our Habits ...

make us who we are! It is a truth of life. Samuel Stiles expressed it when he said, "Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an action and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny." Aristotle Rein forced this when he said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence (of character), then is not an act but a habit."

What habits are part of your daily and weekly rhythms of life? Isn't it true that every one of us has daily habits that are life-giving and keep us healthy? A proper rhythm of exercise, rest, work, paying bills, daily responsibilities, seeing friends, etc. are examples of life-giving habits. If we are honest, there are also destructive habits that we drift into such as overeating, not exercising properly, drinking too much caffeine, or drinking too much alcohol. In addition, we often neglect some of the life-giving resources that God has given to us such as weekly worship, daily prayer, Christian friends and the knowledge obtained in the Bible and Christian books. So often we neglect these wonderful resources God has given us because they are not part of our daily routine. We haven't made them a habit.

The summer affords a wonderful opportunity for all of us to develop some wonderfully constructive habits that will be life-giving. I suggest three habits that will change our life this summer.

1. Regular worship - Why not block out Sunday mornings on your calendar to join us for worship at Cherry Hill or at a place where you are vacationing? Even if you do not usually attend worship when you are away, why not find a local congregation and make worship a priority. You might discover that God has a fresh word for you in a new place.

2. Read the Bible daily - People say to me, "I would read the Bible more, but I don't know where to start." I often suggest reading a Psalm a day, or pick a Gospel and read one chapter of it a day. Or, I suggest what I call, "50 of the Great Passages of the Bible" which I've listed below. Read them, learn them, savor them, for they are some of the finest nourishment in all of the Bible:

Old Testament

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| Genesis 50: 15-21 | Exodus 20: 1-17 | Deuteronomy 6: 4-23 |
| Joshua 24: 1- 28 | 1 Kings 18: 1-39 | 2 Chronicles 7: 11-20 |
| Psalms 1 | Psalms 23 | Psalms 46 |
| Psalms 56 | Psalms 73 | Psalms 118: 21-24 |
| Psalms 121 | Psalms 139 | Proverbs 3: 5-6 |
| Proverbs 22:6 | Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 | Isaiah 6: 1-8 |
| Isaiah 42:19 | Isaiah 55: 1-13 | Jeremiah 18: 1-6 |
| Jeremiah 31: 31-39 | Micah 6: 6-8 | |

New Testament

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|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Matthew 5: 1-16 | Matthew 6: 19-34 | Matthew 7: 7-27 |
| Matthew 11:28 | Luke 15: 1-32 | John 6 |
| John 14 | John 15 | John 17 |
| John 21: 1-17 | Romans 8 | Romans 10: 9-11 |
| Romans 121 | Corinthians 13 | 1 Corinthians 15 |
| 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 | Galatians 2:20 | Philippians 4: 4-13 |

3. Prayer - Set aside 15 minutes per day to bring before God the concerns of your life. Pray for your friends, your family, your church, our world and society. And don't forget to allow some time to be quiet and just listen to God as well. You might even find yourself going over the 15 minutes, which is great! However, if you don't set aside the 15 minutes you might not find the time to pray.

Have a wonderfully refreshing summer and don't forget the power of holy habits ... they might just change your life!

With much appreciation and anticipation, **Mark**

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

- July 5** **Communion Sunday/
Fourth of July Weekend**
"Free to Be a Slave"
Psalm 67, Galatians 5: 1, 3-15;
Matthew 20: 20-28
- July 12** "Does Anybody Remember
Seth?"
Genesis 5: 1-8
- July 19** "Wedding Day"
Psalm 100, John 2:1-12
- July 26** "The Things People Will Believe!"
Matthew 24: 3-8
- August 2** **Communion Sunday**
"A Different Kind of Bread"
Isaiah 55: 1-3, 6-7; John 6: 22-37
- August 9** "The Disappointed Shipbuilder"
1 Kings 22: 41-45, 47-50
- August 16** "Don't Just Do Something ... Sit
There!"
Luke 10: 38-42
- August 23** **Summer Hymn Sing
(See Special Article)**
"Sing a New Song!" - Psalm 96
- August 30** "Laughing on the Ceiling"
Genesis 18: 1-3, 9-15;
2 Corinthians 4: 1-7
- September 6** **Communion Sunday**
"What Do You Do When the Boss
Isn't Looking?"
2 Samuel 24: 18-25;
Ephesians 6:5-9

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, September 13
Homecoming Sunday - Fall Kick Off Sun-
day Worship with Luncheon to Follow

Sunday, October 4
World Communion Sunday
Blessing of the Animals - 1:00 p.m. - Front Lawn

Sunday, October 25
Scottish Reformation Sunday

Sunday, November 1
All Saints' Sunday/Remembrance Sunday

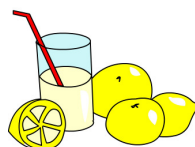


PLEASE JOIN US!

Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill will host the coffee hour after worship on **Sunday, July 19th** to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Meghan Meloy, our Music Director, and Scott Ness. Please join us as we extend to them our best wishes. A basket for cards will be available. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Brown, PW Moderator.



SUMMER HYMN SING & LEMONADE ON THE LAWN



**Sunday, August 23, 2015 - 10:15
a.m.**

All are invited to join us for a special worship service on Sunday, August 23 - the day of our summer hymn sing. The service will be centered around a hymn sing which will include several favorite hymns as well as a couple of new ones. Meghan Meloy will lead us from the organ and piano and the meditation that morning is entitled, "Sing a New Song" based on Psalm 96. After worship, all are invited to "lemonade on the lawn!"

Dear Cherry Hill Friends,

How can I begin to thank you for the wonderful day we shared together on Sunday, June 28 as the Presbytery of Detroit installed me as your new minister. It was truly a miraculous day as we had been experiencing a brownout since Saturday afternoon. However, at 3:45, the lights and power were back in full!

I would especially like to thank Meghan and the members of the choir for the excellent music and the Presbyterian Women for the delicious, elegant reception after the service.

So many of you have gone out of your way to make me feel welcome in Dearborn and I do. I hope and pray that the same Spirit who brought us together will keep us together for many years to come.

With gratitude and joy,

Mark



Summer Choir 2015

Stay tuned for the opportunity to sing for worship during the month of August with minimal rehearsal commitment!

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 through music beginning in September! To express your interest in participating, simply stop by the organ after a worship service or contact Meghan Meloy at meghan.meloy@gmail.com.

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir plays for special Sundays and rehearses weekly after church from 11:45am -12:30pm (September thru May). Reading music is helpful, but not a requirement! All are welcome to join in the campanological fun.

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir sings for worship every Sunday and rehearses weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30pm - 9:00pm (September thru May). Reading music is not a requirement, but a desire to make a joyful noise is! All are welcome to share their singing voices.

Publicity

Measure for Measure: A Men's Chorus will perform at Cherry Hill again this year on Sunday, December 13, and our Music Ministry needs assistance with publicity for this event beginning in October. Please contact Meghan Meloy at meghan.meloy@gmail.com to express your interest in assisting with publicity!

Blessings,

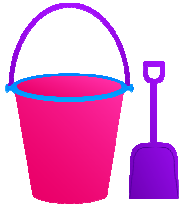
Meghan Meloy



Session Highlights

June 16, 2015

- ◆ Received Rev. Mark's thoughts about how his first two weeks of ministry with us have been; he feels at home and happy! He has made four visitations to members, met with two members planning a funeral/memorial service, and has met with both PW circles, the Deacon Board, Property, Christian Education and Worship & Music. He intends to visit all members on the Homebound list. Plus, he moved into his home and church office!
- ◆ Approved a car wash for the Cub Scout Pack 1111 on either August 1 or 8.
- ◆ Elected Jeff Levangie as Vice President of the Corporation for Cherry Hill Presbyterian, joining other officers elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- ◆ Approved a motion to support Milford Presbyterian's efforts to present an overture to Presbytery of Detroit to have the 222nd General Assembly (2016) reverse its action concerning the divestment measure from three companies in the Israel/Palestine region.
- ◆ Complimented the Deacon Board on a successful church picnic.
- ◆ Appointed Mary Boudreau & Julius Otten as commissioners to the June Presbytery meeting; Rev. Mark will also attend.
- ◆ Approved hiring of a part-time custodian for 10 hours per week starting July 6, 2015.
- ◆ Approved funds for the remainder of Rev. Mark's moving expenses.
- ◆ Received information about the Summer Scoops & Stories on Thursday evenings in July, planned by the Christian Education Committee.
- ◆ Approved a motion from Worship & Music Committee allowing summer voice lessons in the sanctuary for some Dearborn High students and their voice teacher.
- ◆ Approved a motion from Worship & Music Committee scheduling a Measure for Measure concert for December 13, 2015 in our sanctuary.



MANY THANKS!

Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill would like to thank the congregation for filling the bright-colored sand pails on the tables in Memorial Parlor during the coffee hours in the month of May. A check for \$425 was sent to The Second Mile Center for their Summer Dreams program. Your generosity helps children in Detroit's most dangerous zip code attend day camp this summer in a safe, spiritually-based atmosphere. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile mission!

A special thanks goes to Brenna Thorpe. For her 10th birthday party, she asked her friends and classmates to give a monetary donation for the Summer Dreams, instead of giving her a gift. She received \$525! We are so proud of you, Brenna!

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

This summer, several people have indicated that they are interested in joining our congregation. A new members orientation session will be scheduled early in the fall. If you are interested in membership or simply learning more about who we are and what we do, please indicate your interest on the Ritual of Friendship booklet or call the church office.



Church Grounds Maintenance

Thank you to Elaine Filiak and Winnie Murphy for helping to keep our landscaping weed free. They signed up to care for some flower beds on the map in the foyer, but have gone way beyond just doing what they signed up to do. We have a large piece of property at a prominent intersection. It speaks to our community that we keep it looking so good.

Thank you, ladies!

Jeff Levangie
Property Chair

Happy Birthday to all who have a **July** birthday!



- 2 John Matthews, Jr.
Steve Szopo
- 3 Madeline Gillette
- 4 Amanda Gillette
- 5 Amelia Masters
Evelyn Masters
- 6 Heidi Shumaker
- 8 Sydney Shumaker
- 9 Kasi Nichols
- 12 Diana Oberdier
- 13 Sara Kenyon
Linda Koos
Jan Porath
Wendy Robinson
Stacey Turchan
- 17 Michelle Wahl
- 22 Martha Nefcy
- 27 Tom Endlein
Julius Otten

Happy Birthday to all who have an **August** birthday!

- 3 Sharon Thibeau
- 6 George Goodison
Susan Lapham
Ashley Tune
- 7 Jane Scoboria
- 8 Karrin Skornia
Susan Webster
- 9 Solomon Endlein
Frank Turchan, II
- 11 Grace Joachim
- 14 Bob Wahl
- 15 Andy Bechtel
Susan Bosshard
Shirley Thomas
- 16 Bill Boudreau
- 18 Laquila Simon
- 23 Nathan Skornia
- 26 Tristan Hoepfner
- 28 Lisa Levangie
Margaret Sorensen
- 29 John Nichols
- 30 Lola Skogmo
- 31 John Porath

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.



FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

OUR THANKS to those who have been helping to care for children during the worship services this summer. Each week, children age five and younger leave during worship with a caring, responsible adult to listen to a story or watch a video. We are in need of volunteers to provide child care for the Sundays in August and for the first Sunday in September. If you are willing to help, please call the church office or use the sign up sheet in Weir Foyer.

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MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU to help with our Sunday School this fall? Many of us grew up attending Sunday School hearing the old, old story of Jesus and His love told by loving, dedicated teachers.

The curriculum we are currently using is very user friendly and our veteran teachers are more than willing to help! Teachers do not have to commit to an entire month, just two weeks.

The CE Committee hopes to strengthen and grow our Sunday School and that will only happen if we have persons willing to help. If you are at all interested in the possibility of teaching or just interested in learning more about what is required, please contact Kris Williams or call the church office.

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award was presented to our member, Margaret Blohm, in June. She has been a Rotary member since 1994, is a past President (2010-2011), and is currently President of the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations, Margaret!



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Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fridays - Closed

(Memorial Day thru Labor Day)

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m. in Sanctuary

Church School

Newborn to 5 years:

are invited to leave Worship (when excused) to play in the Godly Play Room 229 while parents attend church.

Children ages 5 years old and up:

attend Worship with their family.

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 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

July 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | <i>1</i> 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6:30pm Yoga - FH | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> Office Closed | <i>4</i> <i>Independence Day</i> |
| <i>5</i> <i>Lord's Supper</i> 10:15am Worship Service | <i>6</i> 4pm New Beginnings-Ram's Horn | <i>7</i> 7pm ACOA-CP 7pm CE Mtg- CE | <i>8</i> 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6:30pm Yoga - FH | <i>9</i> 7pm-8pm Summer Scoops- C/FH | <i>10</i> Office Closed | <i>11</i> 11am John German's Memorial Service - S 12pm Luncheon - FH |
| <i>12</i> 10:15am Worship Service | <i>13</i> 4pm New Beginnings-Bob Evans 7pm Holy Conversations Task Force Mtg - MP | <i>14</i> 7pm ACOA-CP | <i>15</i> 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6:30pm Yoga - FH | <i>16</i> 9am Men's Breakfast @ Rex's 7pm-8pm Summer Scoops- C/FH | <i>17</i> Office Closed | <i>18</i> |
| <i>19</i> 10:15am Worship Service 1pm Campbell/Hildebrandt Shower-MP | <i>20</i> 4pm New Beginnings-Applebee's | <i>21</i> 7pm ACOA-CP | <i>22</i> 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6:30pm Yoga - FH | <i>23</i> 7pm-8pm Summer Scoops- C/FH | <i>24</i> Office Closed | <i>25</i> |
| <i>26</i> 10:15am Worship Service | <i>27</i> 4pm New Beginnings-Leon's | <i>28</i> 7pm ACOA-CP | <i>29</i> 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6:30pm Yoga - FH | <i>30</i> 7pm-8pm Summer Scoops- C/FH | <i>31</i> Office Closed | |

August 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 3pm Eagle Court of Honor-C/FH |
| 2 Lord's Supper 10:15am Worship Service | 3 4:00pm New Beginnings- Ram's Horn | 4 7pm ACOA-CP | 5 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6:30pm Yoga - FH 6:30pm CHUP Open House | 6 | 7 Office Closed | 8 10am - 1pm Cubs Car Wash |
| 9 10:15am Worship Service | 10 4:00pm New Beginnings-Bob Evans | 11 7pm ACOA-CP | 12 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6:30pm Yoga - FH | 13 | 14 Office Closed 2pm Fisher/ Fredrickson Rehearsal | 15 4pm Fisher/ Fredrickson Wedding |
| 16 10:15am Worship Service 1:00pm Levangie Shower-MP | 17 4:00pm New Beginnings- Applebee's | 18 7pm ACOA-CP | 19 10am-3pm Helping Hand 6:30pm Yoga - FH | 20 9am Men's Break- fast @ Rex's | 21 Office Closed | 22 |
| 23 10:15am Worship Service 11:30am Lemonade on the Lawn 1:30-3pm CHUP Open House | 24 4:00pm New Beginnings- Leon's | 25 7pm ACOA-CP | 26 9:30am PW CT Mtg - MP 10am-3pm Helping Hand 11am CHUP Bd Mtg - MP/GP 6:30pm Yoga - FH | 27 7pm CHUP Orientation Tea-FH | 28 Office Closed | 29 |
| 30 10:15am Worship Service | 31 4:00pm New Beginnings- Buddy's | | | | | |