



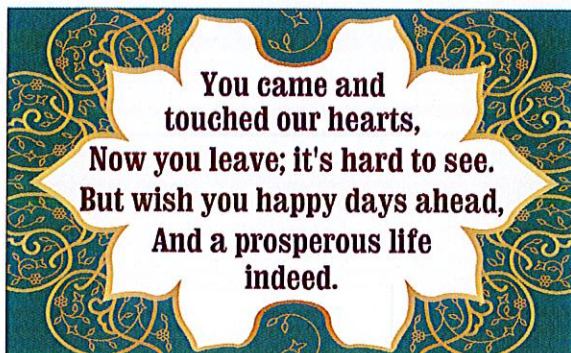
CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dearborn, Michigan
THE MESSENGER
April 2024

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 - 7:30 pm
MUSIC AT CHERRY HILL PRESENTS



THE SEIPP/SHEETS DUO: Works for Trumpet and Organ
Chuck Seipp, Trumpets & Randall Sheets, organ

The Seipp Sheets Duo is unlike any ensemble performing today. Custom musical arrangements of virtuoso, beautiful, entertaining, humorous, and patriotic selections enhance the exquisite blend of their instruments. The performance is made all the better by the use of nearly a dozen different style of trumpets. Trumpeter Chuck Seipp and organist Randall Sheets are two performers at the top of their craft and highly visible musicians in their own right. Dr. Seipp is a Sergeant Major (retired) from the United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own" (Washington, D.C.), and Dr. Sheets is the Ceremonial Organist for Arlington National Cemetery (retired). A freewill offering will be received: a suggested donation of \$15 per person.



RECEPTION FOR REV. PHILLIPS AND LARRY CERESO -
Sunday, April 14, 2024

As most of the congregation knows, Rev. Mark Phillips has been called to serve as the new pastor of the First and Franklin Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland, beginning April 21, 2024. His last Sunday in our pulpit will be Sunday, April 14, 2024. We hope that many of you will be present that morning for the service. Following worship, Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill is hosting a reception for Rev. Mark Phillips and Larry Cereso in

Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a time of fellowship and the opportunity to extend our best wishes to them. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Brown, PW Moderator.

CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 - 10:15 am - Worship Celebration

Festive music for organ and choir, hymns, and palms.

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 7:30 pm -Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Chapel

Follow Jesus and the disciples to the Upper Room to recall their final meal together and then follow them into the night of betrayal, desertion, and arrest.

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 – Two Worship Services

12:00 Noon Worship service in the sanctuary

This Noon service will center around the traditional “Stations of the Cross.” Visual depictions of each station and meditations will recall Jesus’ walk to Calvary. Those who wish will be invited to move around the sanctuary.

7:30 pm Tenebrae Service in the sanctuary

This “Service of Shadows” commemorates the suffering and death of Christ and is based on the ancient order of Tenebrae. Music, readings, and a gradually growing darkness in the sanctuary dramatically portray the fading “Light of the World” as Christ left it.

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:00 am Easter Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Festive Celebration of the Resurrection in the Sanctuary

Our Easter worship celebration will include music for organ, brass, choir, and congregation.

11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

Join our Christian Education Committee and a “special visitor” for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn!**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 – 4:00 pm**

By Rev. Mark Phillips

My uncle, Earle Wittpenn, was a newspaper editor in Pennsylvania and West Virginia for much of his career. Several years ago, he wrote what he thought would be his last column as editor of the paper he was working for. The title for that last column was -30-. I asked him about that, and my uncle said that in the newspaper business, the number 30 is used for one's last article, column, or editorial to signify "The End."

"The End!" That's how all movies used to conclude. When you saw those words on the screen, you knew it was time to brush off the popcorn, stand up, and leave. There would be no further drama on the screen. The story was finished—complete—over.

And yet, the message of Easter reminds us that the ending is just the beginning. Certainly, after the events of that first Good Friday, the disciples must have felt as if the story was over. They watched their Lord and friend die. He meant more to them than anyone else ever had. They couldn't imagine life without Him. Their hopes and dreams were buried in the tomb along with His body. They probably went home that afternoon thinking -30- The End. Story over. But then came Easter! That morning's news from the tomb was incredible – He was not there but had risen! The news turned out to be true, and what seemed to be an ending was just the beginning of an incredible story that continues to this day. The end was just the beginning.

So often, the "endings" of life seem like the end of the world as we know it, and sometimes it is. However, what we perceive as an ending may very well signal new life, new birth, and new possibilities. After all, when you have risen Lord at loose in the world, you never know what new beginning is before you.

I guess that as I write this final article for *The Messenger*, to some degree, it is an ending. As my ministry at Cherry Hill comes to a close, my heart is full of gratitude for all that we shared together over the past nine years. I will always be grateful for the many ways we shared in ministry together. And I will always be grateful for your friendship, support, and prayers. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives and a part of the history of this church.

And yet, as this chapter in my life and the life of this congregation comes to an end, it is also a new beginning. It will be a time of new beginnings for me as I begin my ministry in Baltimore, and it is a time of exciting new beginnings for Cherry Hill as you look forward to new leadership, which I am sure will take you in new and exciting directions. Be open to the movement of the Spirit in your midst. Embrace and support your interim pastor and then your new pastor. Pray daily for your church officers. Pray daily for the person God has already called as your new pastor. Attend worship. Continue to be generous in sharing your time, talents, and treasure. Be positive. Be united. Be faithful.

Well, I guess if I were writing this article for the Detroit Free Press, it would be appropriate to close now with this:

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However, since I am writing to Easter people who live each day with the Risen Lord, I close with these words:

*Finally, my brothers and sisters, farewell.
I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for you,
because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.
I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you,
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.
- Philippians 1:3-6*

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2024

- Sunday, April 7** Post-Easter Thoughts of a Traveling Evangelist – Luke 24:13-35
- Sunday, April 14** Final Words – Philippians 1:3-11, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Acts 20:32-35
- Sunday, April 21** The Rev. Leslie Mott, Transitional Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Detroit
(See article below)
- Sunday, April 28** The Rev. Dr. John Whitfield



**REV. LESLIE MOTT,
Transitional Executive Presbyter
Presbytery of Detroit
TO PREACH ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

Leslie Mott, M. Div., RYT, CFP, is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Most recently, she served as Interim Head of Staff at the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City and has also served as Interim minister at Palisades Presbyterian Church, North United Church of Christ, and Bridge Pastor at Mahopac Presbyterian Church, and was a solo pastor in Cold Spring, NY, for 13 years. She served as Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice in Bedford, NY, and was the Coordinator of the Pastoral Sabbath at Holmes Camp and Stony Point Center from 2015 to 2019.

As a consultant and retreat leader, she has presented to and guided groups at The Garrison Institute, Holy Cross Monastery, Johnsonburg Camp, Mariondale, the NEXT Church Conference, and Maryknoll, among others.

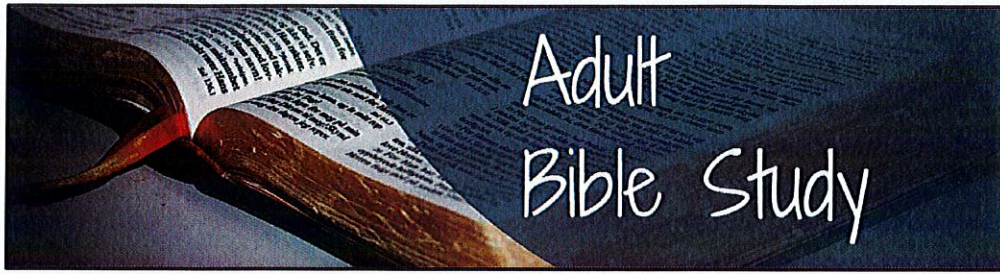
Leslie is a yoga teacher, Spiritual Director, and Certified Focusing Professional. She received her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and her Spiritual Direction certification through the Linwood Spiritual Center in Rhinecliff, NY. She is a member of Spiritual Directors International and the International Focusing Institute. Leslie's ministry, teaching, and practice all lead her to join with others to discern and live out lives of prayer, mindfulness, and action.

SPECIAL MISSION GUEST COMING ON MAY 5

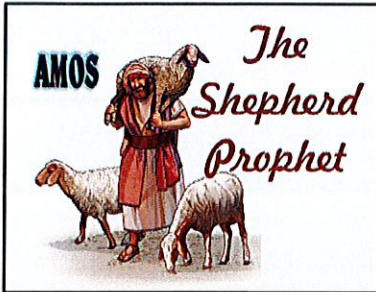


In early March, several members of our Mission Committee had lunch at Zaman International. Zaman International is a non-profit organization located in Inkster that empowers women to overcome extreme poverty by providing resources, education, and vocational training needed to pursue sustainable income and careers. Zaman is working with the Office of Global Michigan and Welcome Corps in a new phase of refugee resettlement. Private sponsorship groups consist of five or more adults who, once matched with those awaiting placement overseas, will support refugee newcomers for 90 days through activities such as securing initial housing, enrolling children in school, and helping adults find employment.

We have invited Joan Walton, Zaman's Director of Community, to join us during worship on Sunday, May 5, 2024, to present a "Minute for Mission" regarding Welcome Corps. Following worship, she will give a more in-depth presentation during our Coffee Hour. Please plan to join us to learn about a possible mission opportunity for our congregation.



Cherry Hill Church is pleased to offer three weekly opportunities for study and discussion for adults. Two Bible studies meet on Sunday mornings, and a study group gathers on Monday afternoons at 1:00 pm. All are welcome. Invite others to join you.



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 am - THE PROPHET AMOS

Beginning Sunday, April 7

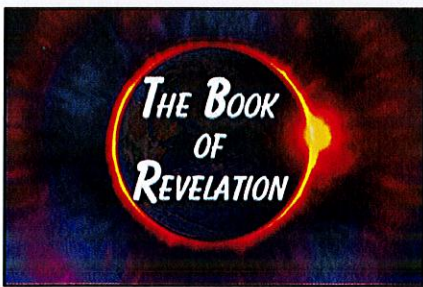
The prophet Amos lived among a group of shepherds in Tekoa, a small town approximately ten miles south of Jerusalem. Amos made clear in his writings that he did not come from a family of prophets, nor did he even consider himself one. Rather, he was “a grower of sycamore figs” as well as a shepherd (Amos 7:14–15). Amos’s connection to the simple life of the people made its way into the center of his prophecies, as he showed a heart for the

oppressed and the voiceless in the world.

More than almost any other book of Scripture, the book of Amos holds God’s people accountable for their ill-treatment of others. It repeatedly points out the failure of the people to fully embrace God’s idea of justice. They were selling off needy people for goods, taking advantage of the helpless, oppressing the poor, and the men were using women immorally (Amos 2:6–8; 3:10; 4:1; 5:11–12; 8:4–6). Drunk on their own economic success and intent on strengthening their financial position, the people had lost the concept of caring for one another; Amos rebuked them because he saw in that lifestyle evidence that Israel had forgotten God.

Maged Radamis will facilitate exploration of this “Major, Minor” Prophet Amos beginning Sunday, April 7, at 9:00 am in the Christian Education Office. All are welcome!

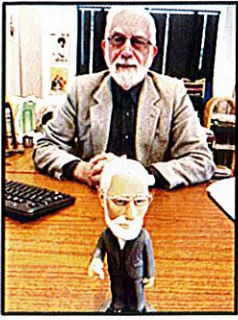
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 11:45 am - THE BOOK OF REVELATION – Beginning Sunday, April 21



Have you ever been puzzled by all the symbolism in Revelation? What or who are the Beasts that are talked about? Or the Dragon, or the four horses of different colors? And what is your overall reaction to Revelation? Puzzlement, confusion, even anxiety? Well, you are not alone. Many people, particularly Christians, have been puzzling over Revelation for almost 2,000 years. Parts of it have been used to predict the future, particularly the timing of the world’s end. Wikipedia mentions some 180 different predictions concerning the end of the world, ALL of which have

been wrong. But who wrote Revelation, and what did it mean for the original hearers, and what does it mean for us now, 2000 years later? And what about the Rapture, Tribulation, AntiChrist, and the Return of Christ?

Starting on Sunday, April 21, after coffee hour, Dr. John Whitfield will begin a class exploring these issues and more through a study of the book of Revelation. All are invited to come and be a part of this fascinating journey through this last book of the Bible. The class gathers downstairs in the old choir room.



MONDAY AFTERNOON STUDY GROUP - Beginning Monday, April 22 – 1:00 pm STOCKTON AFTER CHURCH

Beginning April 22, The Monday afternoon study group is pleased to welcome Dr. Ronald Stockton as our guest leader this spring! Ron is an award-winning political science professor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. In his retirement, Ron continues to host his own podcast, "Stockton After Class.". Here is Ron's schedule:

April 22- Max Weber on Calvin and The Protestant Ethic. Max Weber believed that the emergence of Calvinist theology and the Calvinist "Protestant Ethic" had transformed both Protestant thinking and European/Western culture and civilization. How could the concept of Predestination possibly transform the world? Find out here.

April 29 - How a Pope is Elected. 120 Cardinals will choose the next pope. But it is not that simple.

May 6 - The Presbyterians Divest. Ten years ago, the Presbyterians debated as to whether or not to sell shares in five companies that profit from the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. I wrote three articles on the three phases of this struggle. Here is the story of that struggle.

May 13 - How Churches Grow. This will focus upon two academic studies: Rodney Stark was one of the great scholars. He wrote a book on the first 300 years of Christianity. How did Christianity go from a small struggling community to a dominant religion? There is also research on the rise of the Methodists on the American frontier and how they went from a small denomination to one of the dominant ones.

May 20 - Israel and Genocide. What is genocide? And what is the basis of the South African charge before the International Criminal Court? And what did they find?

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – MARCH 19, 2024

- Received information about upcoming funerals and a non-members wedding.
- Approved a letter to the congregation explaining how to contribute to a farewell gift for Rev. Phillips and Larry Cereso.
- Received a very positive financial report.
- Received the information that the Committee on Ministry has approved our Interim Pastor job description.
- Received the information that the Rev. Tim Marvil from Allen Park Presbyterian Church will moderate Session meetings after Rev. Phillips leaves and that pulpit supply pastors have been scheduled through May.
- Approved, with regret, the resignation letter of Larry Cereso as Facilities Manager, effective April 13, 2024.
- Approved the employment of John Renaud as Facilities Manager with training beginning with Larry Cereso before he leaves.
- Approved the additional hours of employment of Charles Miller for duties such as security coordination, bulletin responsibility, etc., beginning in mid-April.
- Praised congregation members for volunteering to accept many responsibilities soon.
- Discussed financing necessary organ repairs.
- Received information about three upcoming Adult Education opportunities.
- Received information about upcoming minutes for mission by the Zaman Institute and by the Dearborn Counseling Center.
- Approved a request from Presbyterian Women for fundraising events to benefit The Second Mile Center.
- Changed the April Session meeting to April 23, 2024, to avoid a conflict with a musical concert.
- Approved the call for a Special Congregational Meeting for April 7, 2024.
- Received departing thoughts and praise from Rev. Mark Phillips.

TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

The Transition team has written the Interim Pastor Position description. We are pleased to announce it has been approved by our Session and the Committee on Ministry for our Presbytery. We will now collaborate with the Committee on Ministry to circulate the Interim Pastor position among our Presbytery and beyond. We hope to interview potential candidates soon.

The Transition team/Interim Pastor Search Committee members are Scott Golem, Sherry Brown, Phil Gibbs, David Hollingsworth, and Jan Holmes. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.



STAFF CHANGES & UPDATES

✚ We welcome **John Renaud** as our new Facilities Manager/Sexton for up to 28 hours per week. John will begin to work with Larry during Holy Week and will assume full responsibility beginning April 15, 2024. Be sure to welcome him!

✚ **Charles Miller** will assume the position of Church Coordinator for 10-12 hours per week. His duties will include security coordination, preparation of the Sunday bulletin, and being the contact person for all groups using the building. He will also be the liaison to the facilities manager and coordinate the church calendar. The position will begin in early to mid-April.

✚ **The Rev. Timothy "Tim" Marvil** has been appointed by the Committee on Ministry as Moderator of the Session beginning in April.

✚ All announcements and information for the Sunday bulletin should be submitted to **Charles Miller** by the Wednesday of the week before inclusion. Charles' email is Charles@cherryhillchurch.org

✚ Please submit articles or information for the "Messenger" to Kim McDonald at Kim@cherryhillchurch.org by the 15th of each month.

THE ANNA B. HOADLEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Anna B. Hoadley Scholarship Fund was established in 1973. The purpose of this fund is to provide educational grants to Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church members who plan to attend or are currently attending, accredited colleges, universities, seminaries, and technical/trade schools. All members who have not previously received The Anna B. Hoadley Scholarship are eligible to apply for a 2024 Hoadley Scholarship. Each Scholarship awarded will be in the amount of \$3,000. Applications are available in the church office and are due to Mary Boudreau, Clerk of Session, by May 1. Recipients will be announced by June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Brown or Mary Boudreau.



SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON - SATURDAY, MAY 18 at 11:00 am

Hosted by Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill in Memorial Parlor

All women and their guests are invited to join us for this fun gathering. We'll begin the morning with an interesting program on "Rug Hooking," presented by Cherry Hill's Deb Szwed. After the program, we'll dedicate the PW Birthday Offering and enjoy a delicious salad lunch. Tickets for the lunch are \$5.00 and will be available for purchase on Sunday mornings in Weir Foyer beginning April 21. The last day to purchase tickets is May 12. Please contact Sherry Brown, PW Moderator, if you have any questions. We hope you will join us!



UPDATE FROM THE FACILITIES MANAGER, LARRY CERESO

Just a few things this month:

- Depending on the weather, the new alleyway gate will be installed within the next several days.
- To help the new facilities manager, John Renaud, become familiar with the church activities, events, and processes; we request that all building users and CHPC committees please utilize the building and ground maintenance and room set-up forms at the central mailboxes and the church office. He will be taking over my mailboxes and office suite.
- As Mark and I prepare for our move to Baltimore, I have submitted my Letter of

Resignation to the session effective April 13, 2024. I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to work at Cherry Hill and to develop meaningful relationships with so many in the congregation.

CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

THE SESSION

Rev. Mark Phillips, Moderator until April 20, 2024
Rev. Timothy Marvil, Moderator as of April 21, 2024
Mary Boudreau, Clerk of Session

CLASS OF 2024

Scott Golem
John Kill
Jim Thorpe
Martha Whitfield

CLASS OF 2025

Phil Gibbs
Ray Greco
Carolyn Haury
John Matthews, Jr.

CLASS OF 2026

James Flynn
Jan Holmes
Deborah Szwed

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Sue Dalton, Moderator

CLASS OF 2024

Sue Dalton
John Nichols
Jill Nichols

CLASS OF 2025

Char Sobieski-Greco
Linda Guinn
Robert Szwed

CLASS OF 2026

Rachel Golem
Kathy Kerr
Joy Park

TRANSITION TEAM/INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Sherry Brown Phil Gibbs Jan Holmes Scott Golem David Hollingsworth

**PRAY ... WAIT ... TRUST
GOD HAS A PLAN!**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Beadle 04/02
Kaitlyn Ruselink 04/04
Emily Nietering 04/04
Sandy Elling 04/07
Don Filiak 04/08

Ken Simon 04/08
Helen MacMillan 04/10
Wendy Solgan 04/13
Jim Johnson 04/14
Kate Klinger 04/16
Diane Schellang 04/18

Sharon Cloney 04/18
John Haury 04/21
Mary Renton 04/26
Jordan Betley 04/28
David Hollingsworth 04/29

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Linda Krolik Annelies Nisbet Evelyn Poti Lewis Sequin Judie Fraser Linda Lee Oke
Donna Molnar Judy Ewasuk Ekanem Ekpenyong

Health Concerns & Support

Sara Errante Jonelle Robinson Marv Oberdier Margaret Strachan Norman Record
Jim Head, Tracey Turbett's Father - Dorothy Hoeft, Deb Szwed's mother
Cherry Hill Church Transition Team
Pastor, Staff, Elders, and Deacons of Cherry Hill - The Presbytery of Detroit

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Michael Sellers, Social Media Manager


Olivia Gee, Sunday Childcare Provider

Donna Wilsher, Custodian

The Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor Emeritus



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30 am Kara Fitness Building and office closed	2 CHUP DPCC 10:00 am Peace Circle	3 TOTS DPCC CHUP 5:30 am Kara Fitness 9:30 am-12:00 pm Helping Hand 6:30 pm Howe Peterson Group	4 CHUP DPCC TOTS 9:00am Kara Fitness 7:00 pm Christian Ed	5 CHUP 5:30 am Kara Fitness	6 11:00 am Memorial Service
7 Communion 9:00 am Bible Study 10:15am Worship/Godly Play 11:30am DPCC Coffee Hour 1:00-3:30 pm Vanguard Voices Rehearsal	8 DPCC CHUP 5:30 am Kara Fitness 10:00 am Sew What 7:00 pm Property	9 DPCC 9:00 am Kara Fitness 3:00 pm Mission 6:30 pm Church Growth & Fellowship	10 DPCC 5:30 am Kara Fitness 6:30 pm Howe Peterson Group 6:30 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg	11 CHUP DPCC TOTS 9:00am Kara Fitness 10:00 am Quilters	12 CHUP 5:30 am Kara Fitness	13
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