

CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE MESSENGER
May 2026

Being a mother is an attitude, not a biological relation.
Quote from Robert A. Heinlein

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S TEA
on Saturday, May 9, at 12 Noon in Memorial Parlor
Hosted by Presbyterian Women of Cherry Hill

What would it be like walking into a beautiful room, tables adorned with fine china and wonderful treats? Sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

Well, you will get to have that experience when you join us for the PW Tea. The date is Saturday, May 9, at 12 noon. Tickets are available to purchase following worship. Tickets are \$8 each.

If you have some beautiful dishes you would like to use to set a table and be the table's hostess, please contact Elaine (734-287-3747 or dgf1945@comcast.net) or Janet Reickel (313-408-9661 or jreickel126@wowway.com).



There will be no speaker, so you will be able to sit back, relax, and enjoy the delicious treats and each other's company.

CHPC Mission Statement

*We are Christians committed to discerning and doing God's will,
through worship, study, fellowship, and mission.
We seek to continue to grow as an open, supportive, and
compassionate community of neighbors.
Welcoming everyone. Including all.
Session, March 2025*

SUMMER DREAMS

For many years, Cherry Hill members have given support in many ways to The Second Mile Center of Detroit. During the month of May, we are collecting donations during coffee hour to support their "Summer Dreams" program. Our donations will go towards the Center's summer programs and food and meal distribution for impoverished children and their families in the most dangerous zip code in Detroit. Look for the bright sand pails on the tables in Memorial Parlor and help them attain their summer dreams. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Brown, PW Moderator.



Note from the pastor



Spring! The season of potential. Spring helps to move me out of the doldrums of winter into that time of seeing possibilities. For Cherry Hill, you and I have been on a journey for nearly two years (as of July 1). Most were hoping that this process would take less time – no reflection on my performance as an interim pastor. There is excitement and anticipation for what is next. When it takes longer than anticipated we often struggle a bit. So, what is it that we could be doing as we wait for the next installed pastor?

The disciples and the risen Jesus give us clue. We are currently in the Church Season of Eastertide – the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. The disciples were in that time of uncertainty and went back and forth between heading back to their old life to moving forward as sent disciples or evangelists.

The disciples spent a great deal of time together. They discussed Jesus' teachings and wrestled with their meaning and practical application. They also gathered for meals and times of fellowship. Of course they spent much time in prayer, because they were feeling so disconnected. All of these pieces helped them to move through the uncertainty to begin taking baby steps toward preaching the gospel message to the world.

Last year, Cherry Hill heard the results of the Self Study Report. There were thoughtful reflections of what members and regular attendees experienced or hoped could become part of the ministry and mission of the church. It may be time to pull out that report and revisit some of that potential which was expressed.

CHPC is in a season of expectation and waiting. I'm reminded of a fairly new hymn written in 1986: *Hymn of Promise*. It talks about the seasons of life. The last line, which repeats, gets to the heart of the message: "unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." So, we trust God and that this current "season" will be according to God's desire. May we make good use of our time as God's faithful. We offer prayers that the Holy Spirit might move through this congregation to inspire our hearts and minds as we continue to be in this place of waiting.

HYMN OF PROMISE

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



ATTENTION ALL PLANT LOVERS!! Saturday, May 30, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

The Growth & Fellowship committee will be hosting our 4th Annual Community Plant exchange on Saturday, May 30, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM on the east side of the church by the memorial garden. We encourage you to bring perennials from your garden, seeds or houseplants you have started to share with others. This is also a great way to get some new plants for your home or garden. Gardening books or tools are welcome as well. We ask that all plants be accompanied with the plant name and care tips.

We typically have:

Hostas, Shasta Daisies, Cone flowers, Herbs, Ornamental grasses, Vegetable plants and seeds, Spider plants, & Succulents.

The past years' events have been a big success and we're hoping for another with this year's. This has been a fun event drawing neighbors from the surrounding area so stop by for a visit! You do not have to bring a plant to attend-come on by and join the fun! All plants are free!

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

LADIES' MONTHLY LUNCH AT BUDDY'S PIZZA

All women are invited to join us at Buddy's (on Michigan Ave. in Dearborn) but May's date is TBD at the time of this edition. We will meet once a month (even in the summer) at 11:00 a.m. on a Friday. The week of the Friday may change, so be sure to watch the newsletters & bulletins. We ask that you **RSVP** to Elaine (dgf1945@comcast.net) or Marilyn (mbeadle49@gmail.com). This is to make sure everyone can be seated together.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AT REX'S GRILL

All men are invited to Rex's Grill (on Telegraph, at Oxford, in Dearborn) at **9:00 a.m. on the third Thursday** of each month. There isn't one person coordinating, simply show up and join the group.



The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to the family of Sharon Cloney who passed away February 6 . A memorial was held at the church on April 18.

The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to the family of Evelyn Poti who passed away April 12. A small memorial was held at a funeral home.



**MUSIC AT CHERRY HILL CONCERT: THE OPERETTA *BON APPETIT!*
FOR SOLO VOICE, STARRING GILES SIMMER,
ON SUNDAY, MAY 31 AT 4PM.**

CHPC's favorite soprano soloist, Giles Simmer, will present composer Lee Hoiby's one-act operetta, *Bon Appetit!*, on Sunday, May 31, at 4:00pm. This concert is a fundraising event for the pipe organ restoration fund. *Bon Appétit!* is a 25-minute, one-act comic opera based on a 1970s *The French Chef* episode where Julia Child bakes a chocolate cake. Premiered in 1989, it features a mezzo-soprano singing the dialogue while actually cooking on stage, performed in intimate, cabaret-style setting. The opera, which is essentially a musical recreation of a TV cooking show episode, follows Julia Child as she instructs the audience on making *Le Gâteau au Chocolat 'Éminence Brune'*. It is a monodrama—a one-woman show—that features singing while performing, such as beating eggs and frosting the cake. The libretto is taken directly from the dialogue in Julia Child's PBS specials. The second half of the 60-minute concert will feature a mix of classical art songs, popular tunes, and Spirituals. Following the concert, a reception will be held in Memorial Parlor, featuring Julia Child-inspired hors d'oeuvres. NO tickets required: donations are being collected at the door to support the completion of the Austin pipe organ console construction project. PLEASE JOIN US for this exciting and truly dramatic performance!

AUSTIN PIPE ORGAN CONSOLE PROJECT UPDATE

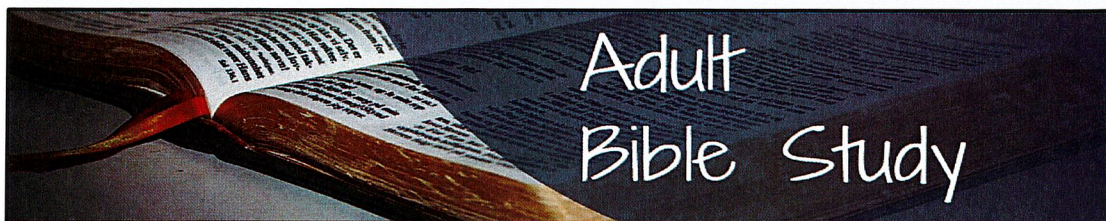
The new organ console project is indeed moving along! The final layout of the interior of the console has been finalized and approved and the pipes of the 32' Contre Bombarde stop and its windchest have been cleaned and restored. As of a phone call with the Austin Organ Company's senior designer, Floyd Higgins, last week, all parts (new keyboards, computer operating system, stop controls, bench, lights, etc.) have been ordered and are in the factory. Mr. Higgins will be coming to CHPC sometime in May (in conjunction with a trip to Lansing to see another client) to take final measurements inside the chamber for wind line placement and the locations of computer operating system panels. We are simply waiting now to find out where we will be in the company's production schedule, as they have three other complete pipe organs being built simultaneously, and when we might expect completion and delivery of the new console. Exciting things are ahead!



**VANGUARD VOICES & BRASS IN CONCERT
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, at 4 p.m.**

Start your summer off with a festive, fantastic, and multi-faceted concert by Dearborn's premiere choral ensemble, Vanguard Voices, on Sunday, June 7, at 4 p.m. in our church sanctuary. G. Kevin Dewey will direct the 65-some voices and brass players in works from Handel's *Messiah*, Part III and other choral classics. A free-will offering will be collected at the door, with a suggested donation of \$15 per person. Additional information can be found at www.vanguardvoices.org.





Cherry Hill Church is pleased to offer two Sunday morning opportunities for study and discussion for adults during May. Our Monday afternoon study group will resume in September. All are welcome. Invite others to join you.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 am

Maged Radamis leads a class at 9:00 am in the Conference Room. Currently, the class is focused on the book of Galatians. All are welcome!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 11:45 am

After coffee hour, Dr. John Whitfield holds class in the conference room. Currently, the class is focused on the first eleven chapters of Genesis. All are welcome!



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

April 21, 2026

- ❖ To baptize Logan Anne Fox, daughter of Ryan and Lauryn Fox, and great-granddaughter of Shirley Mayland.
- ❖ To grant permission for Rev. Teresa Peterson to be absent on Sunday, July 5, 2026. Teresa will be attending her granddaughter's baptism in Madison, Wisconsin.
- ❖ **To move Communion Sunday in July from July 5, 2026, to July 12, 2026.** July 12 is the day for the Congregational Picnic; those working at Ford Field that morning will take prepackaged communion bread and "wine" with them.
- ❖ Updated the Personnel Handbook to allow some flexibility in the hiring process of interim staff positions.
- ❖ To hire Staci Frank as the Interim Sunday Childcare Provider and Ruth Haury as the Sunday Childcare Provider during summer worship services.
- ❖ To accept the Standard Room Rates 2026 pricing.
- ❖ Granted Vanguard Grand Voices rehearsal space on 4/25/26 from 10:00-12:30 pm and 4/26/26/ from 6:00-8:30 pm, as community outreach.
- ❖ To place a memorial plaque above the West entrance to the sanctuary in honor of Robert Szwed, greeter.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Fred Lucero 05/01	Carrie Thorpe 05/01	Pam Thorpe 05/02
Kristen Williams 05/06	Nicholas Thorpe 05/07	Matthew Thibeau 05/10
Ekanem Ekpenyong 05/16	Peter Schellang 05/17	Robert Jones 05/17
Angie Stead 05/18	Jacyln Armstrong 05/19	Judy Goerke 05/19
Emma Garber 05/24	John Peterson 05/27	



IN OUR PRAYERS

Members to Remember (Those Unable to Attend Worship)

Lewis Sequin Judie Fraser Pam Thorpe
Judy Ewasuk Ekanem Ekpenyong Winnie Murphy

Health Concerns & Support

Marv Oberdier John Nichols Bob Stead Pamela Moore Judy Tisdale

All those who serve as caregivers to the ill and infirmed

Cherry Hill Church Pastor Nominating Committee

Pastor, Staff, Elders and Deacons of Cherry Hill Church - The Presbytery of Detroit

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John Peterson, Custodian

Staci Frank, Interim Childcare Provider

Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor Emeritus



MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE CROSSWORD

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EVE

SARAH

REBEKAH

RACHEL

JOCHEBED

PHARAOHS DAUGHTER


NAOMI

HANNAH

ELIZABETH

MARY

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>3 Communion 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Worship/GP 11:30am May Birthdays 11:45am Bible Study</p>	<p>4 DHS 10:00am Sew What 1:00pm Study Group 1:00pm PNC Mtg</p>	<p>5 DHS 10:00 am Peace Circle 11:30am PWCT Mtg</p>	<p>6 DHS 9:30am-noon Helping Hand 6:15pm W&M 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 DHS 7:00pm Christian Ed</p>	<p>1 DHS</p>	<p>2 9am-12pm Outdoor Clean-up (Rain date)</p>
<p>10 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Worship/GP NO COFFEE HOUR 11:45am Bible Study</p>	<p>11 DHS 10:00am Sew What 1:00pm Study Group 1:00pm PNC Mtg 7:00pm Property</p>	<p>12 DHS 3:00pm Mission 6:30pm CG&F</p>	<p>13 DHS DHS Mother's Day Tea</p>	<p>14 DHS 9:30am Quilters 6:30pm Deacons</p>	<p>15 DHS</p>	<p>16 DHS Last Day Showcase</p>
<p>17 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Worship/GP 11:30am Coffee Hour 11:45am Bible Study</p>	<p>18 10:00am Sew What 1:00pm Study Group 1:00pm PNC Mtg</p>	<p>19 7:00pm Session</p>	<p>20 9:30am-noon Helping Hand</p>	<p>21 9:00am Men's Breakfast at Rex's</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24/31 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Worship/GP 11:30am Coffee Hour 11:45am Bible Study</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day Building Closed</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 11:00am Colony Club</p>	<p>29 Office and Building Closed</p>	<p>30 10:00am – 12:00pm Community Plant Exchange</p>
<p>31 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Worship/GP 11:30am Coffee Hour 11:45am Bible Study 1:00pm Joe Deller Recital 4:00pm Bon Appetit!</p>						