



CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE MESSENGER
October 2024

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, October 4, 2025, at 11:00 am



In October, many Christian denominations observe the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who is often remembered as the patron saint of animals. As the Church honors his ministry this month, we give thanks for the blessing of animals and pets in our lives. On **Saturday, October 4, at 11:00 a.m.**, please join us on the church lawn near Memorial Garden, as Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church gathers for a Blessing of the Animals. Friendly pets of all sizes, shapes, and species are welcome. For everyone's safety and to reduce stress on our pets, please keep all dogs on leashes and cats and other smaller pets in carriers. You are invited to bring a photograph of pets who would be more comfortable at home. Whether you have a pet, a favorite stuffed animal, or just want to make some new friends — furry, four-legged, or otherwise — we hope you will “paws” with us as we return thanks to God for our animal companions.

Please note: this is a SATURDAY event.



2025 – 2026 CONCERT SEASON

Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10:00am - 7:00pm

BACH PIPE ORGAN MARATHON

A Day-Long Fundraising Event for the Restoration of the 1958 Austin Pipe Organ featuring the Organ Works of Johann Sebastian Bach in nine 50-minute-long recitals
10am Charles Miller / 11am Nicole Keller / 12pm Joseph Balistreri
1pm Jonathan Ryan / 2pm David Hufford / 3pm Caroline Robinson
4pm Jeremy David Tarrant / 5pm David Stultz / 6pm James Kibbie
Donations accepted at the door. Come and stay as long as you'd like!

Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 6:00pm

VANGUARD VOICES: Christmas Lessons and Carols

G. Kevin Dewey, conductor / Charles Miller, organist

Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 4:00pm

CHAMBER MUSIC BY RAVEL, PROKOFIEV, & BACH

Joseph Deller, violin/Ivana Biliskov, cello/Patrick Johnson, piano

Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 3:00pm

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS

Christopher Hall, conductor

Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 4:00pm

BON APPETIT!

Operetta based on the life of Chef Julia Child
Giles Simmer, soprano/Steven McGee, piano

Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 4:00pm

VANGUARD VOICES

featuring Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*
G. Kevin Dewey, conductor

For additional concert information, please visit www.cherryhillchurch.org



In 1933, Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, conceived the idea for a World Communion Sunday to promote Christian unity and interconnectedness across the world's churches.

The Great Depression was being felt deeply. Hitler had become German Chancellor and Nazism hovered over Europe and threatened the entire world. Also taking place, without widespread public knowledge, the first concentration camps were being built. As the Stewardship Committee and Rev. Kerr met, they saw that there needed to be a healing word spoken; a word that would affirm the oneness of the human race and the value of every life, plus a word that might translate religious beliefs into the politics of peace.

What evolved was not a political movement but a day on which Christians around the world would join hands across barriers of race and nationality to claim their oneness in Christ at his Table. They dreamed of a day in which all Christians would remember their connectedness as One Body as communion was celebrated. It is good to remember this oneness. We are living in a world, a society which is very much divided. Peace is not being promoted, and we struggle to hear words of hope or to witness reconciliation or partnering across "the aisle" to find a solution best for all. There is no sense of "oneness" in community.

This year, we celebrate World Communion on October 5 and should remember our connectedness with other Christians around the world. Worship styles and traditions may vary, but Christ's death and resurrection embodies God's love for all people and is our message of hope.

One of the stories which has been told over the years is about a young soldier named Johnny. Johnny was in the infantry in the British Army in World War II. His unit was surrounded, and he was captured and taken prisoner in Poland. The conditions were terrible: cold, wet, filthy, with almost no food, just a bowl of thin soup and a scrap of bread once a day. Prisoners lost weight to the point of being nothing but skin and bones. They contracted diseases and began to die.

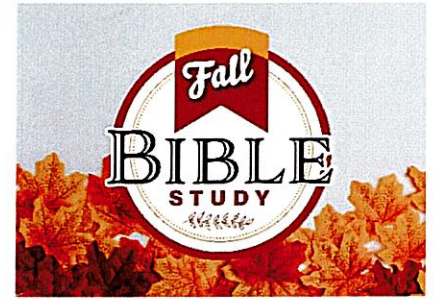
The war was not going well for the Allies. There was little reason to hope for release. As the war progressed and Germany's fortunes diminished, the conditions in the prisoner of war camp became worse. Some did not want to go on living. Johnny was told of an easy way to end one's life: throw yourself against the barbed wire fence as if trying to escape and be shot by the guards.

One night Johnny, very discouraged and depressed, sick with despair and hunger, slipped out of the barracks and walked toward the fence. He was not quite sure whether he should end it all. He sat down on the ground to think. He sensed movement in the dark on the other side of the barbed wire. It was a Polish farmer. He had half a potato in his hand. He thrust the potato through the barbed wire. As Johnny took the potato, the man said in heavily accented English, "The Body of Christ."

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

By: John B. Foley, One Bread, One Body, 1978,
Hymn #530, Glory to God

THREE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS THIS FALL SUNDAY MORNING & MONDAY AFTERNOON



9:00 am Sunday – Book of Zechariah – Conference Room

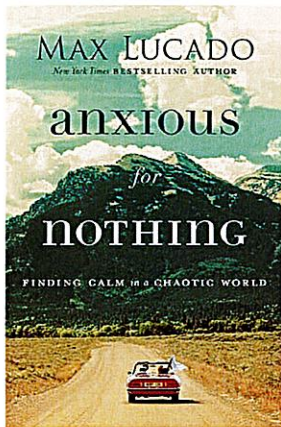
Lead by Maged Radamis (begins October 5)

We will be studying the book of Zechariah until mid-December. Zechariah colluded with Haggai and continued his mission past the prophet Haggai. The study will focus on Zechariah's messianic prophecies and his teaching. All are welcome.

11:45 am Sunday – Book of Romans - Conference Room

Lead by Dr. John Whitfield

Our late Sunday Morning Bible Study group has recently started reading and studying Paul's letter to the Romans. Romans is considered by many scholars to be Paul's Magnum Opus, his greatest letter. We look at his background, the culture of first century Rome, and his thoughts and theology in the letter. They will meet in the conference room, by the office. All are invited to be part of this study.



MONDAY AFTERNOON STUDY GROUP

**Monday @ 1:00 pm in Memorial Parlor
Continues through October 20**

We all experience anxiety, but we don't have to let worry and fear control our lives. *Anxious for Nothing*, from *New York Times* bestselling author, Max Lucado, provides a roadmap for coping with and healing from anxiety. Complete with Lucado's signature storytelling and relatable anecdotes, *Anxious for Nothing* invites you to study Philippians 4:6-7:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Each class will include a 20-minute video of Max Lucado guiding us through the topic of the week. Pastor Teresa will then lead conversation on the book with guided questions from the study guide. Join us for this 5-week study as we focus on best practices for coping with the challenges life brings our way.





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & PEACEMAKING AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING RECEIVED Sunday, October 5

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved, and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God is with us ... and God in Christ is with us through the Sacrament of Communion, celebrated on World Communion Sunday. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.

- 25%** of this offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.
- 25%** of this Offering goes to our mid-council (Presbytery & Synod) to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.
- 50%** of this offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



Special Offering envelopes will be in the bulletins on World Communion Sunday. Our neighbors need us. Please share what you can with the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

LIAISON NEEDED



**Scouting
America**

Did you know Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church is a host congregation for Scouts? We currently are the sponsor organization for two new start-ups. Josh Elling was our liaison. He has moved, so we are now in need of a new liaison.

What would the liaison do? Primarily, be the person who works with the Scout leader(s) to be their "go to" person in case they have questions, needs, or would like to provide an update to the church.

If you are interested, please let the office know of that interest. Pastor Teresa has voiced to Session how wonderful these Scout Leaders are. Prayerfully consider, then let us know.



Peace Circle:

Peace Circle meets on the first Tuesday of the month, September through May, at 10:00 a.m. in Memorial Parlor. **We welcome all women** (non-member or member). Peace Circle meets for Bible study, mission, and fellowship. For those who are unable to attend in person, you will be able to join us by zoom. For more information, contact Judy Goerke or Elaine Filiak.

2025-2026 Bible Study:

This year we are studying "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rhashell D. Hunter.

PW of Cherry Hill Fall Mission Project: The Presbyterian Women will have a Bake Sale on **Sunday, November 23**, for our Fall Mission Project. The proceeds will go to The 2nd Mile Program. This offering will help the Center provide much needed items for the holidays and into the new year! There will be more information later in the October bulletins.

2025-2026 PW Calendar:

Saturday, November 8	11:00 a.m.	Fall Lunch Gathering – Program will be presented by “Friends of the Rough”. Tickets will be \$8 and will go on sale the 1 st Sunday in October.
Sunday, November 23	11:30 a.m.	Christmas Decorating/ followed by pizza & salad
Sunday, January 4, 2026	11:30 a.m.	Christmas Undecorating
Saturday, May 9, 2026	11:00 a.m.	Spring Lunch Gathering – Kristen Hollingsworth will present the program.

Fall Lunch Gathering – November 8:

The program will be about the “Friends of the Rouge” (FOTR). Lauren Eaton will be the speaker and is the Monitoring Manager at Friends of the Rouge. FOTR is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1986 to raise awareness about the need to clean up the Rouge River in southeast Michigan. Their mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the Rouge River watershed through stewardship, education and collaboration. Lauren is excited to bring her passion for water to you and to talk about all the amazing work being done at Friends of the Rouge. Please plan on joining us. Men are also welcome. The program should be fascinating.

Bake Sale - November 23:

Immediately following church service, the sale will be held in Weir Foyer. Items will sell quickly. (The sale will be followed by decorating the church for Christmas.)

PW is also asking for men & women alike who love to bake, please consider doing so. Start thinking about what you would like to bake. If you know ahead of time, contact Elaine Filiak or Judy Goerke.

We’re asking for pies, cakes, breads, cupcakes, cookies, etc. Everything needs to be in non-returnable containers. All proceeds will go to 2nd Mile Center.

There will be more details in upcoming bulletins & the November Messenger.

We will continue to keep you informed of our events and activities through the Sunday bulletin, Messenger, and PW bulletin board in Weir Foyer.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - September 16

- Approved a youth “Pool Table” Party for Friday, September 26, from 7-9 pm, to be held in the building. Our youth plus other churches’ youth were invited.
- Approved the closing of the W.A.T.C.H. refugee mission project checking account.
- Received reports from all Session committees.
- Received a positive treasurer’s report.
- Approved an updated wedding booklet and non-member fee schedule.
- Approved a new welcome brochure to be available in pew racks and at music events.
- Selected Sunday, November 9, following worship, for a congregational meeting.
- Discussed technology issues.
- Discussed how start of fall program year was going and effects on the building and tenants.

TRUNK OR TREAT – Saturday, October 25



The Growth and Fellowship committee will hold their annual Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 25, from 2:00-4:00 PM** in the large parking lot. We invite church members to join us as we gather and park our Halloween-themed, decorated cars to pass out candy and treats to community children who come in costume for a family-friendly afternoon. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume. This year, we will have an adult treat table with coffee, cider and donuts as well. This event is always a great time, is well attended and open to the community so please help spread the word! Flyers will be available on the table in Weir foyer and donations of candy are gratefully accepted. There is a sign-up sheet on Weir Foyer table.

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Teresa Peterson 10/01
Leslie Garber 10/04
Donna Behm 10/12
Marshall Lindke 10/17
Tina Tessadri 10/24

Kay Greene 10/01
Aleksander Dewey 10/05
Robert Wahl (son) 10/13
Tracey Turbett 10/18
Kelly Pemberton 10/27

Howard Renton 10/04
Leah Dewey 10/10
Paul Goerke 10/15
Deb Szwed 10/24
Reggie Anderson 10/30

IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Linda Watt. Linda passed away on September 5. A private service was held already.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Judy Fraser. Judy passed away on September 14. A memorial service with Memorial Garden interment following will be held here on **Sunday, October 19, at 1 pm.**

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The doors of this church are as wide as God's love!

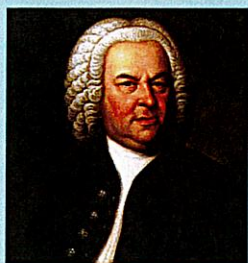
Rev. Dr. Frank J. Irvine, Cherry Hill's First Pastor



Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday - 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
& Friday – 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon

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John Peterson, Custodian
Olivia Gee, Childcare Provider
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor Emeritus



BACH PIPE ORGAN MARATHON

*A Fundraising Event for the Restoration of the
1958 Austin Pipe Organ & its Console*

Nine 50-minute recitals of the masterworks of Johann Sebastian Bach

Saturday, October 11, 2025

10:00am - 7:00pm

10:00am CHARLES MILLER (Director of Music, Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, Dearborn)
Featuring the famous Toccata & Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 / Trio Sonata #1 in E-flat, BWV 525
Advent Chorales from The Orgelbüchlein / "Little" Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

11:00am NICOLE KELLER (Chair of the Organ Department, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
Featuring the Toccata in F major, BWV 540 / Selected Chorales from the Orgelbüchlein
Prelude & Fugue in B minor, BWV 544

12:00pm JOSEPH BALISTRERI (Director of Music, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Detroit)
Featuring the Fantasia & Fugue in G minor, BWV 542 / Trio Sonata #6 in G major, BWV 530

1:00pm JONATHAN RYAN (Director of Music, Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills)
Featuring the Prelude & Fugue in E-flat major ("St. Anne") / Selections from Clavierübung III

2:00pm DAVID HUFFORD (Organist, First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor)
Featuring the Prelude & Fugue in E minor ("Wedge"), BWV 548 / Selections from
The Schübler Chorales, BWV 645-650 / Toccata, Adagio, & Fugue in C major, BWV 564

3:00pm CAROLINE ROBINSON (Assistant Professor of Organ, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
Featuring the Partita on *Sei gegrusset, Jesu gütig*, BWV 768 / Prelude & Fugue in G major, BWV 541

4:00pm JEREMY DAVID TARRANT (Canon for Music, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit)
Featuring the Prelude & Fugue in A minor, BWV 543 / Leipzig Chorales, BWV 654, 655, and 657
Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590 / Passacaglia & Fugue in C minor, BWV 582

5:00pm DAVID STULTZ (Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn)
Featuring the Prelude & Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 / Trio Sonata #2 in C minor, BWV 526
In Dir ist Freude, BWV 615 / Concerto in A minor (after Vivaldi), BWV 593

6:00pm JAMES KIBBIE (Professor of Organ Emeritus, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
Featuring the Piece d'Orgue, BWV 572 / Three chorales from Clavierübung III, BWV 669-671
Prelude, Largo, & Fugue in C Major, BWV 545 / Toccata & Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

Stay for an hour. Or Two. Come and Go as you please. Or Stay All Day!!

Free-will donations will be accepted at the door

A gala reception will follow the 6:00pm performance



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION


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October 2025

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