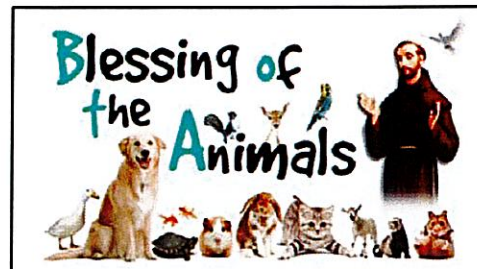




CHERRY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE MESSENGER
October 2026

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, October 3, 2026, at 11:00 am



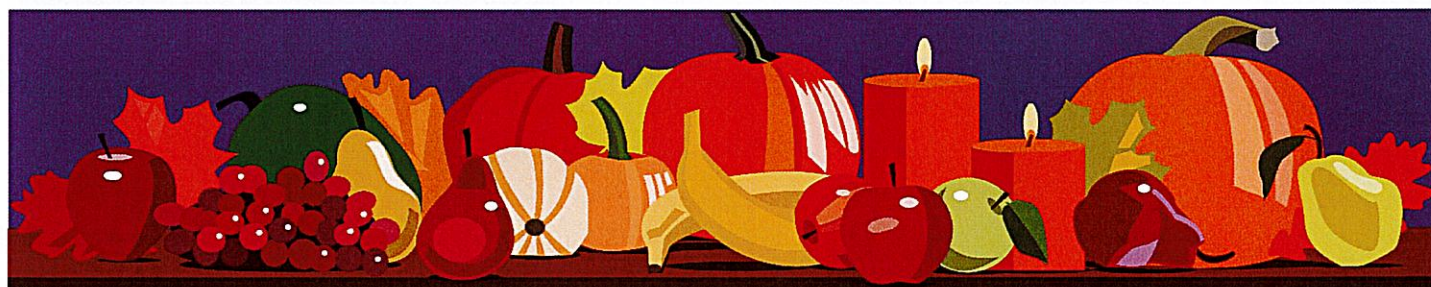
In October, many Christian denominations observe the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who is often remembered as the patron saint of animals. As the Church honors his ministry this month, we give thanks for the blessing of animals and pets in our lives. On **Saturday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m.**, please 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.

NOTE: This is a SATURDAY event, so that more can easily participate. Invite your friends!!



TRUNK OR TREAT – Saturday, October 24

The Growth and Fellowship committee will hold their annual Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 24, from 1:00-3:00 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.



MUSIC AT CHERRY HILL PRESENTS ITS 2026-2027 SEASON

Celebrating its eleventh season, the Music at Cherry Hill Concert Series is pleased to offer you another wonderful array of exciting musical events. The choral arts, our Austin pipe organ, and the talents of many Detroit Metro area musicians and those from abroad will delight and astound! For complete concert information, please take a concert series brochure, found in Weir Foyer and in the church narthex. Share the brochures with your friends and family members and let them know of the musical treasures found here at the corner of Cherry Hill and Telegraph!



2026–2027 CONCERT SEASON

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 4:00pm

WILLIS KOA, Cello

The Principal Cellist of the Dearborn Symphony will perform works by Rachmaninoff, Schumann, and others.

Sunday, December 20, 2026 at 6:00pm

VANGUARD VOICES: Christmas Lessons and Carols

G. Kevin Dewey will lead Dearborn's premier chorus in a glorious concert patterned after the famed King's College Cambridge *Service of Nine Lessons and Carols*.

Sunday, February 7, 2027 at 4:00pm

RALPH SKIANO, Clarinet

Detroit Symphony's Principal Clarinetist will offer a delightful pastiche of classical and contemporary works that is sure to chase away the winter blues!

Sunday, March 21, 2027 at 4:00pm

VANGUARD VOICES

Theodore Dubois: *Seven Last Words of Christ*
for chorus, soloists, and organ
G. Kevin Dewey, conductor

Sunday, May 2, 2027 at 4:00pm

JOHANN VEXO, Organ

Mr. Vexo (titular organist of Nancy Cathedral, France) will inaugurate the Austin pipe organ's new console and new pipes in works by the Great French Masters.

Sunday, June 6, 2027 at 4:00pm

VANGUARD VOICES: Annual Spring Concert

G. Kevin Dewey, conductor

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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

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 11, FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Congregational Meeting



A special congregational meeting has been called at the request of the PNC for the purpose of hearing and acting on their report. Members will have the opportunity to vote on the candidate, Emily Bruno, who will be preaching during worship and available to answer some questions at the beginning of the meeting.

Members who are unable to attend the meeting in person may respond to the email from Pastor Teresa to request the zoom link. Participation will be limited to observation only.

This is an exciting time in the life of CHPC. May God continue to lead and guide us.

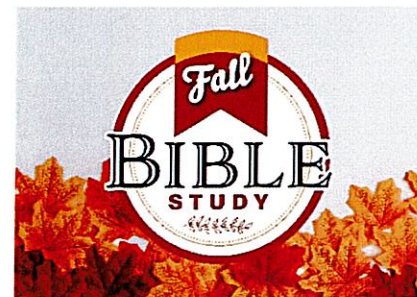


On Sunday, September 20, the Christian Education committee hosted a special training for CPR, AED and general first aid. Our teachers, pastor, new childcare provider, and 3 additional congregation members completed a 3-hour online course and then attended the 2-hour hands-on class provided by the CPR Training Center in Dearborn (CTC). CTC is a small business founded by Fatima Shajrah, Family Nurse Practitioner, mother and wife. After her own personal experience with her child going into cardiac arrest at home (and surviving due to her quick actions), Fatima felt called to spread her medical knowledge and training to others, so that they could also be prepared if they were ever faced with a similar terrifying scenario.

Our class learned what to do in a medical emergency while waiting for help to arrive, how to administer an epi-pen and basic first aid, how to perform CPR on both adults and children, and how to use an AED machine to initiate care. An AED is a portable Automatic External Defibrillator that monitors a person's heart rhythm and can deliver an electric shock to aid in CPR until paramedics can arrive. Cherry Hill has an up-to-date AED machine on the wall in Weir Foyer between the Sanctuary door and CHUP hallway door should it ever be needed.

While we pray we will never need these skills, we are grateful to have had such in-depth training and certification.

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



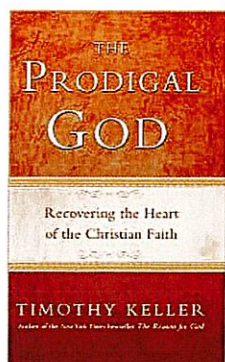
11:45 am Sunday – Book of Genesis - Conference Room

Lead by Dr. John Whitfield

Our late Sunday Morning Bible Study group will continue studying the first eleven chapters of Genesis. 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



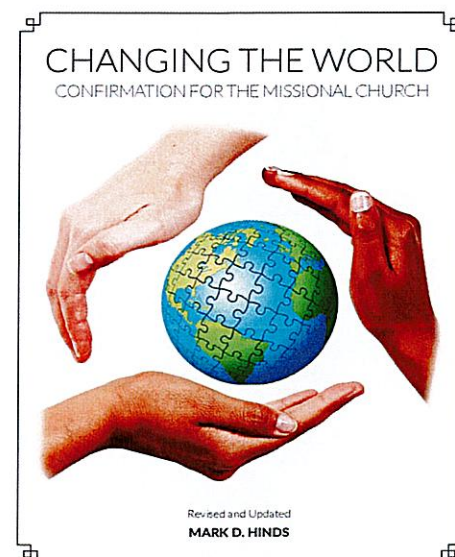
Join us for this six-session small group Bible study, by pastor and bestselling author Timothy Keller who uses one of Jesus' best-loved parables – the Prodigal Son – to illustrate the depth of God's love and how his grace extends into some very unexpected places.

Taking you beyond the traditional focus on the wayward younger son, Keller helps you glean insights from each of the characters in Jesus' parable: the irreligious younger son, the moralistic elder son, and the Father who lavishes his love on both.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Christian Ed Committee is excited to be offering Confirmation classes for two of Cherry Hill's youth: brothers Aleksander (15) and Elijah Dewey (14). The curriculum we are using takes a different approach to confirmation than the traditional classes. We often think of confirmation as the opportunity for the youth to become a member of our specific institution or church. This "missional" approach, which follows the Matthew 25 Movement of PC(USA), commissions youth to serve in all of God's kingdom, inspiring them to change the world in big or small ways. Jesus entrusted his disciples to go beyond the four walls of the church and see the world as faith's destination.

Part of this journey includes the meaningful intergenerational support of a mentor for each of the confirmands. We are grateful to Sharon Morton and Ray Greco for accepting the call to walk beside Elijah and Aleksander in their spiritual growth. Together, with teachers Pastor Teresa, Kathy Kerr and Anna Dewey, they will attend 8 weeks of classes where we have in-depth conversations about faith, what God calls us to do, and who God calls us to be. The official classes will culminate in a Confirmation Worship Service on Sunday, December 13, to celebrate the confirmands. But just as our work as disciples of Christ does not end on Sunday afternoon, the confirmands will be encouraged to continue developing their identities and purpose as Christians.





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING RECEIVED Sunday, October 4

This year's scripture focus is Micah 6:8, "What does the lord require of you? ... to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with your God."

On World Communion Sunday, all of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Part of the atonement that happens around this Table is reconciliation, which is the focus of the World Communion Offering. Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this offering.

By supporting the World Communion Offering, we are cultivating reconciliation by supporting racial and gender justice, peacemaking efforts, global witness and nurturing ecumenical and interfaith relations. This is a way for Presbyterians to "love kindness" expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment.

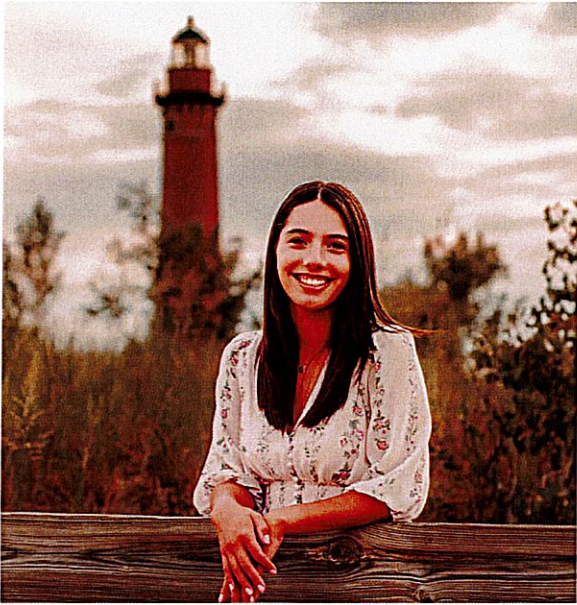
The remaining Special Offering envelopes that weren't in the bulletins the last Sunday of September will be laying with the bulletins on October 4. Our neighbors need us. Please share what you can with the World Communion Offering. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - September 15

- ❖ Rev. Teresa Peterson withdrew her October 8, through October 11, 2026, approved time off. She will be present to moderate the CHPC Congregational Meeting on October 11, 2026.
- ❖ A Congregational Meeting is called for October 11, 2026, to vote on the PNC candidate.
- ❖ Approved the parking of the Scout trailer in CHPC large parking lot.
- ❖ Approved PEO the use of Memorial Parlor on Wednesday, May 19, 2027.
- ❖ Approved the Dearborn Hills Association to use Memorial Parlor on October 6, from 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- ❖ Discussion over the separate departures of the Facilities Manager and Part-time Custodian.
- ❖ Blessing of the Animals service to take place on Saturday, October 3, at 11:00am.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDCARE PROVIDER



Our new childcare Provider started Sunday, September 13. If you see her around the church, welcome her to our family. She has provided a short bio so that we can get to know her better.

My name is Alora Bazzi, and I am currently 17 years old and attend Dearborn High School. My future plan is to major in criminalistics and minor in photography, and I hope to study this at Grand Valley State University. In my free time I love taking photos of nature, however as an editor of my school yearbook I also spend a lot of time on sports photography. My favorite sport to photograph is tennis because of the good lighting, the challenge of capturing the ball, and mostly because I play! This year will be my fourth year of Varsity tennis, and I am also the assistant manager of the boy's tennis season. When it comes to academics I really focus on doing well in class and on exams as well as being a part of the board of National Honor Society!

**IN HAPPY MOMENTS
PRAISE GOD
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS
SEEK GOD
IN QUIET MOMENTS
WORSHIP GOD
IN PAINFUL MOMENTS
TRUST GOD
IN EVERY MOMENT
THANK GOD**



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 Helene MacMillan.
Helene passed away on September 3.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Harriet Hafer, a former member of our church. Harriet passed away on September 11.

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A Member of the Presbytery of Detroit of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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 **(By appointment only)**

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Alora Bazzi, Childcare Provider

Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor Emeritus



October 2026

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				1 CHUP 6-10:15pm Tatty Dancers	2 	3 11:00am Blessing of the Animals
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