

Information From The Congregational Meeting

CHPC's annual Congregational Meeting was Sunday, October 12. As part of the meeting there was the election of officers and an annual budget update, as well as information shared by the three leadership bodies of the church. David Welch, Moderator of the Deacon Board, spoke to recent acts of service by the deacons. Morgan Wilson, Director of Children and their Families Ministry, shared her vision for inviting the community into the congregation by creating family friendly spaces and events. Elders from Session, Mark Klusmeier and Janet Dumford, gave an update on the state of our denomination, ECO, and reported that Session has begun a process of discernment regarding the Sunday morning Worship services.

Session Update to Congregation October 12, 2014

I hope that what each of you, in the congregation, is hearing through Mark, Morgan and David, is the amazing work that God is doing in our church and in our denomination. God is present and active in His people gathered together as His church. ECO has committed to join in God's work by growing and planting flourishing churches that make disciples of Christ.

Your Session is committed to the same. We will lead College Hill Presbyterian Church to be a flourishing church that makes disciples of Christ. Not for our own glory but for God's glory, to make Him known, to share His forgiveness and His redemption with the world – a gift of joy and peace for every person and family in College Hill and all of our surrounding neighborhoods.

Your Session is also committed to each one of you. We desire and pray that each of you will be deepening your own relationship with Jesus. And that when you hear the word disciple you are not just thinking of Matthew and Mark or Peter and Paul, but thinking of yourself. If you believe that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, then you are a disciple of Christ. God has a call on your life. He wants you, every day, to be transformed by Him and His love for you, and then to share His love with others.

The question before Session is how do we encourage you in that. Scripture tells us to meet together, to encourage one another, to build each other up and motivate each other to acts of love and good works. What does that look like today? How do we lead you into God's call for your own life and the life of this congregation? What does it take to be a flourishing church that makes disciples?

God has convicted us, your elders, that our Sunday mornings, our main opportunities to meet together, need attention. We have been made aware of this through conversations with you, through results of the Reveal Survey, and by seeking the Holy Spirit through our engagement with ECO's Narrative Questions. God is leading us into a time of discernment, asking us to seek His desire for this body of believers and how He would have us worship Him.

It is Session's first responsibility to provide for and oversee the worship of this congregation. We continue to affirm God's call on us – to Connect, Serve and Celebrate – as followers of Jesus. But we believe there is a crucial question before us – a question that we want to take the next several months – until the Spring – to discern with you. "For us to flourish as a church, for us to make disciples, for God to be glorified and for His joy to be evident in us, what do our Sunday morning gatherings need to be and do?" We believe God is calling us to something healthy, fruitful, strong and vibrant. And we humbly ask for your prayers as we seek to empty ourselves of our own will and preferences and look to the Lord for His guidance. It has been 10 years since the Missional Action Teams, the last time we as a congregation purposefully sought God's design for

Sunday mornings. That process led to many good things and we believe God will again honor our persistence in seeking His will.

Elders are already engaging with each other, Karen and Drew, as we study current challenges and embrace the good. We will be asking you to take part in this conversation and time of discernment, similar to the denominational process – with opportunities for written feedback as well as town hall meetings. We want you to be invested in the outcome and be excited about what God has in store for us.

May we each take this opportunity to seek God in prayer, in Scripture, and in moments of quiet where we intently listen for His voice. May we pursue together God's hopes and dreams for CHPC with our eyes fixed on Him.

A Church Without Walls

connecting . serving . celebrating

Connecting

Reconciling to God Our Father and one another, we seek to be a reconciled community across race, economics and generation.

Serving

Surrendering to God, we are being equipped to serve in the manner of Jesus where we worship, work, play and live.

Celebrating

The joy of the Spirit flavors all of our life together and apart.

Children and Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service. Then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service.

This week's helpers are:
9:00am Ian & Joshua Scheid
11:15am Nathan & Sarah Lowe
Wells Family will greet

26. sunday		
8:00am	Morning Prayer	Prayer Room Sanctuary
9:00am	Worship Service	
10:10am	Foundation Hour	
	• Children's Classes	Barnabas Ctr BC 204
	• Jr. High	BC 206
	• High School	Various
	• ASF	Sanctuary
11:15am	Worship Service	Clubroom
1:30pm	ACA Meeting	BC 205 & 206
6:30pm	CRASH	
27. monday		
6:00pm	Supper Club	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Karate	Great Hall
	Scouts	
7:00pm	12 Christian Beliefs	White House
28. tuesday		
9:30am	Tuesday AM Bible Study	Parlor
6:30pm	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall
29. wednesday		
9:30am	Library Work Day	BC 103
	Strategy For Mothers	Parlor
5:30pm	Webelos/Scouts Den Mtg.	Clubroom
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	Session	BC 201 & 202
7:30pm	College/Young Adult Gathering	Off Campus
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
30. thursday		
8:30am	Prayer	Prayer Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
6:30pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	ACA Meeting	Club Room
7:30pm	Alanon	BC 201 & 202
31. friday		
1. saturday		
2:00pm	Praise Dancers	BC Lobby

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