

The Courier



Dear Friends,

I'm writing this on January 22, the day after I preached a sermon on money and happiness. One of the points of that sermon was that research shows that, in general, the more money people have, the happier they are. Another point was that, instinctively, inherently, we know there's a flaw in that argument. The last was that we Christians believe Jesus is both enough and all there is.

But I have to admit, I was a little uncertain, both going into and out of that sermon, with what the research really implied about happiness, and, honestly, how to mesh that with the Gospel, which talks about the limits of money and, frankly, the danger of money. And, as I was walking to church this morning, I hit upon what I really should've said – so I'd like to say it now.

The researchers cautioned that they studied money, and that, while there was this correlation and causation between money and happiness, there were perhaps other factors that entered into the equation. Here's the illustration I came up with.

We know that to be healthy, we should eat fiber. There's both correlation and causation between eating enough fiber and being of sound body. But, if you only eat oatmeal and celery: number one, you're not going to get enough calories, number two, you're not going to get enough nutrients, and number three, you're not going to go number two. And so, you have to have some sources of protein, vitamins and minerals, healthy fats, and the like. Those also have correlation and causation with good health.

So, for better or worse, money can help with happiness. But so do having warm, supportive relationships (as the since-1938 Harvard study of happiness has found), and probably some sense of security (living in a situation where you're not going to get robbed or shot, and cultural/national life is somewhat stable). And, over all of it is our relationship with Jesus, which transcends happiness and gives us joy, peace and meaning. In other words, it takes a mix of things to provide happiness. And we Christians would still argue that, in the end, Jesus is enough, and all there really is. It's a privilege to serve Him with you.

Grace and peace,

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Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

Lenten Suppers 6:30 PM Lenten Worship Services 7:30 PM

February 14th - Soup Supper sponsored by the **Guild for Christian Service**

February 21st - **Pot Luck Supper**, Everyone Bring a Main Meal, Side or Dessert for 8

February 28th - Supper sponsored by **TBD**

March 6th - **Manly-Man Supper** sponsored by the **Men's Group**

March 13th - **Picnic Supper** sponsored by the **Consistory**

March 20th - **Hero Sandwich Supper**, sponsored by the **Chancel Choir**

Please note: Five out of the six Lenten dinners are covered by a group or individual coordinator. We need someone or a small group of people to plan the February 28th dinner. Please contact Les Cox if you would like to coordinate @ lescox@outlook.com or 201-704-7015.

Shepherding Groups



Beginning this month through early April, each Shepherd will schedule a "meet and greet" with their flock of sheep after church or as otherwise convenient to the group to discuss the Shepherding program and get your feedback on how they can best assist you. As per John 10:15, "I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me "just as my father knows me and I know the Father."



Here at the Community Church in Harrington Park we have a long tradition of offering music on Sundays to enrich our souls. Our choir has grown in number, but we always welcome new folks to join us. We also have a Bell choir that meets weekly that would also welcome new members. Our Alleluia choir (children) meets after church on Sundays and is always a treat when they sing for us!

I hope you all have had a chance to view the new look for our church website.



It has been my pleasure over the past these past 9+ years to be the manager of the website. With this in mind, I am looking for and open to finding a backup person to help manage the content.

It does not take much time once you are familiar with the mechanics of the site.

If anyone is interested in this ministry please contact me at dgnovak@optonline.net.

Thank you,
Dennis Novak, CCHP WebMaster

Worship Committee News

Chris Novak and Chris Doyle

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Please join us at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary for the worship service. Each week there will be a dinner in Founders' Hall beginning at 6:30 PM giving us a chance to fellowship with each other first. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of Lent, February 18. Please try to attend Wednesday and Sunday services during Lent, which is a time of reflection and preparation, leading up to Easter Sunday and the joyful celebration of the risen Jesus Christ, Our Lord.



Usher/Greeter Ministry: Something New! The Worship Committee is asking for volunteer ushers/greeters who would be willing to serve somewhat regularly, possibly scheduled once every two months, depending on the number of volunteers. Greeters are the first representatives of the church that people meet and through them visitors and members alike experience the warmth and welcome of the church. All it takes is a smile, a warm greeting and your desire to serve God in this way. To volunteer or for more information please speak to or contact Chris Novak cpn105@optonline.net or Chris Doyle ttemper@aol.com.

Just a Reminder: On Sunday mornings, as people sit quietly in the sanctuary, preparing for worship, please keep conversation to a minimum. The entrance doors are closed to minimize the noise from the narthex. Also, remember to set your cell phone on silent. We appreciate your helping us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Guild for Christian Service

Here are the circle meeting dates for February and March! All women are welcome to attend any circle meeting they are able!

Deborah Circle will meet in the Johnson Chapel Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30pm and Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30pm.

Rachel Circle will meet in the conference room on Wednesday, February 21 at 1pm and Wednesday, March 13 at 1pm.

The Soup Supper will be on Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30PM. We're always grateful for those who can make a soup.

Looking Ahead: The Women's Communion Brunch will be held on Saturday April 6! And the Spring Garage Sale will held be on Saturday, May 4 in Founders Hall!

Tracy Ciavaglia and Chris Novak



Our next Women's Breakfast Ministry event will be on Saturday, March 2nd in Founders' Hall. The time is 9:30 AM. This will be our last breakfast until the Fall., so mark your calendar now! As you know, our breakfast is attended by women from our church as well as women from other churches and denominations. Is there someone you would like to invite to come with you? Now is the time to do it! After the breakfast we will hear someone talk about her jourey of faith. Join us for this inspirational way to begin your Saturday!

Free books in the Spring St. hallway. Please take as many as you would like, read them, then pass them on to a friend. We request that you do not return the books to the church as we try to free up space.





An update from your search committee: We are all vigorously working together in our search for a new minister. Thus far we have had two zoom interviews and working with several other candidates to set up additional preliminary interviews via zoom. We've had many applications to sort through, and meet often to decide which ones we think would be a good fit for CCHP. Please pray for us as we continue to move forward to locate the Minister who God is calling for our congregation. Any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the committee.

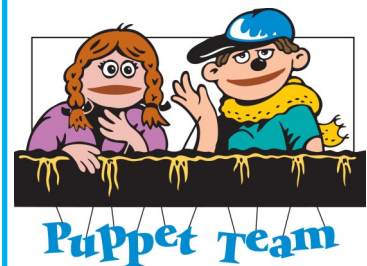
Bob Carr and Jeff Pond, Co-Chairman, Jill Cox, Justin Johnson, Jane Marshall, Chris Novak and Joan Hoerauf. Jodie Wu is our supervisor from the RCA classis who is guiding us through this procedure.

The next Congregational Care meeting will be on Sunday, March 3rd.



Feed Our Souls delivered 27 meals in January. We prepared lemon chicken along with rice and carrots, and a delicious cake for dessert. We are so blessed to have this wonderful ministry at CCHP. A huge thank you to Sue Wood and her ladies for their ongoing dedication to this ministry.

Calling all puppeteers – we are working on our next skit and will be performing it on March 17 to the congregation so come and be part of it. Thank you to all for your support during our coffee hour celebration of 25 years. The children made all the cookies during Sunday School. Together we put together the punch and the children picked out the puppets to decorate the tables and share their favorite ones with you. Come join us. We meet each Sunday morning at 10:00 AM in Founders Hall for 20 minutes, then it's off to Sunday School. Any questions, please call Miss Joan (201) 519-1782.





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, the Search Committee.



Norwood
Food
Pantry Needs

Ketchup

Coffee (instant and ground)

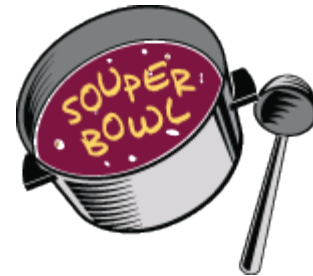
Tea (regular and decaf)

Corn Beef Hash

Boxed Mashed Potatoes

Spam (turkey & low salt)

Les and Jill Cox are kind enough to deliver your donations to the Norwood Food Pantry. So, bring your donations to church with you on any Sunday. Thank you!!!



Thank you to all who donated soup to the Norwood food pantry during our two week campaign. It was very successful!

Dear CCHP Family Members,

Thank you so much for all of your cards, calls, meals, flowers, and especially prayers for my recent hip replacement surgery.

I am grateful for each and every one of you. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a caring church family.

In Christian love,

Lori Anders



The Community Church

February/March, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:30 Women's Breakfast Ministry
				7:30 Chancel Choir		
4 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Alleluia Choir 11:15 Cong. Care Meeting	5 7:45 Bell Choir	6 7:30 Consistory	7 7:30 Ramsey Wind Symphony, FH	8 10:00 Publicity Meeting 7:30 Christian Ed. meeting 7:30 Chancel Choir	9 <i>Courier Deadline</i> 11:00—2:00 Club 60 in FH	10 8:30 Men's Breakfast
11 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Alleluia Choir	12 7:45 Bell Choir	13 7:30 Outreach 7:30 Finance/ Facilities Meeting	14 9:00 Courier Assembly 6:30 Lenten Supper 7:30 Lenten Worship	15 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	16	17
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25 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Alleluia Choir 11:15 Guild Executive Mtg. 11:15 Cox Shepherd Group	26	27 7:30 Search	28 6:30 Lenten Supper 7:30 Lenten Worship	29 7:30 Chancel Choir		

SS=Sunday School; FH=Founders' Hall; HPBOE=Harrington Park Board of Education



I always remember Circle meetings and passing my son, Casey, as a baby, back and forth to others. Everyone was so loving and it gave me, as a young mother, a chance to take a breath and listen to the lesson. I have always felt such love and acceptance at this church throughout my life. **Merry Mans**

There are so many! My three children were baptized here. I was supported through the loss of one child with the love and prayers of a supportive congregation and Pastor George Kaden. Good times were enjoyed on camping trips, women's retreats, bell choir, the Bazaar and many other activities. Being a participant of the mission trip to the Dominican Republic was meaningful. I was particularly touched by

the sendoff by the congregation in the wee hours of the morning in the CCHP parking lot! **Ann Froeder**

Our favorite family memories are the wonderful people in our church -- Easter, Midnight Run, Christmas Eve Service and the love in our church. **The Minaya Family**

I have to tell you how much I enjoyed the last Courier with the memories of past CCHP. I really enjoyed the memory of "Anonymous" remembering the special ladies who "ran" the church. Most of us "youngers" who remember them have some great memories. Mine was when there was a need to get a new person to take over the Christmas Booth. Mrs. Butterfield came over to me and told me if I didn't do it she would "come back to haunt me". I laughingly told Ethel (Parma) and I think Priscilla (Pohl) and we had a good laugh. I was never sorry about the Christmas Booth work so I never found out. Lots of great and unforgettable memories in HP. Praying all goes well to continue.

Sent from Marge Louis, Phoenix, AZ



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