**Myers Park Baptist News**

*Open to all and closed to none.*

**October 2017**

**Jesus the Christ in the 21st Century Presents**

**An Original "Dreamer"**

By Holly Hobson Wood

I grew up attending a Presbyterian church in Charlotte not far from Myers Park Baptist Church, and began visiting MPBC when the senior minister retired. I visited MP Baptist for about 5 years before making the decision to join. I was, needless to say, a reluctant convert. The nail in the coffin of my resistance, so to speak, was attending a J21 weekend at which John Dominic Crossan was the speaker. Looking back, it was a weekend that shifted so much more than my church membership; it redirected the trajectory of my faith journey.

Over the years, this Church has hosted numerous Jesus scholars, theologians, and spiritual thinkers. Whether it be Borg, Rohr, Pagels, Spong or Taylor, odds are, if you’ve attended a J21 weekend, your faith journey has been transformed. The weekends are always challenging and thought-provoking, stretching each of us to find meaning from Jesus’ life in the midst of our busy, modern lives.

This October 13-15, MPBC is honored to welcome Dr. Miguel De La Torre to our Church and pulpit. Dr. De La Torre was born in Cuba and came to the US with his illegal immigrant parents when he was only six years old. In today’s discourse, he might be called “a dreamer.” Over time, he earned several degrees including a Master of Divinity degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Social Ethics from Temple University. He is currently a professor of Social Ethics and Latino/a Studies at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO. He speaks and writes prolifically on issues regarding liberation theology, Latino/a spirituality, LGBT civil rights, and immigrants’ rights.

Who better to lead us in discussion of such tough issues than one who has lived them himself? Jesus’ life and ministry were focused upon those living in the margins, at the edges. He not only chose to live among and love the poor, the un-

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**Embrace & Empower**

By MaryAnn Largen, Co-Chair, Stewardship SLG

“Embrace and Empower” is the slogan for the upcoming Annual Operating Budget/Stewardship Campaign. The phrase comes from the newly devised Strategic Plan. What does it mean in the context of this campaign? It means that as a community of God, we should embrace the principles of Biblical Stewardship (responsibility, accountability, ownership, and reward) to empower the Church.

Simply put, this is the time of year when we ask members of the Church to make their best estimate of what they can give in the coming year. Based on those numbers, the Church can make its best estimate of what it can spend on salaries and benefits, facility upkeep, ministries, missions, and programs. A substantial portion of the money collected goes to relatively fixed costs. That means what we devote to ministries, missions, and programs depends on the amount collected. These are also the things that must be pared if we don’t collect enough.

We will kick off the annual campaign from the pulpit on October 29. Then, on November 4, we will celebrate the “Season of Stewardship” with a picnic on the lawn from 4-7p. with a fried chicken supper, music by Ray Owens’ bluegrass group, and entertainment for the kids. We will conclude with the “Thanks-Forgiving Feast” on Sunday, November 19.
Hang Out With the Pastor

Our Senior Minister, Ben Boswell, would love to get to know you, have a conversation, and spend time with you in an informal setting while sharing a delicious beverage of craft coffee or craft beer.

Craft Coffee

October 2 | November 6 | December 4
7:00-8:00 am | Heaton Hall Foyer

On the first Monday of the month, Ben will host a morning gathering with craft coffee for all the early risers and coffee enthusiasts who would like to grab a cup of coffee and have a conversation with the Pastor on the way in to work or simply to begin their day.

Craft Beer

October 3 | November 7 | December 5
5:00-6:00 pm | Legion Brewing | 1906 Commonwealth Ave

On the first Tuesday of the month, Ben will host a happy-hour gathering with craft beer for all the beer lovers and aficionados who would like to grab a drink and have a conversation with the Pastor on their way home from work at the end of the day.

Everyone is invited to come grab a brew with Ben and hang out at any or all of these gatherings - even if you don’t like coffee or beer. All are welcome.

Meet Caroline Manning

By Carrie Veal

With the departure of Anne Clarke, the Program Assistant, we welcome a new member to our staff team. Caroline is not a stranger to many of us. She has served in the Children’s Ministry on our paid childcare staff since the summer of 2014 and has been a significant part of the Children’s Ministry in this capacity. A native of Charlotte, Caroline has a BA in Psychology and History from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and attended Arizona State University to pursue a MA in Public History. An avid lover of the arts, Caroline previously worked at various art and history museums in North Carolina and Virginia. She enjoys sewing and painting, as well as reading - especially historical fiction. An enthusiastic traveler and seeker of new adventures, Caroline is excited to start her new journey at Myers Park Baptist. With a background in Museums Administration, it is a great fit for her to join us in the office. Please stop by to say hello and welcome her.

Navigating MPBC

Sundays | October 8, 22, and 29 | 9:45-10:45a | Parlor

By Carrie Veal

RITI, TalkBack, God’s Garden. For long-time congregants of Myers Park Baptist, these words roll off our tongues and are full of meaning. But for our guests, they are not as clear.

Following in some of the traditions that Orientation offered, Navigating is our newest initiative to welcome guests, help them learn more about who we are as a Church, and discover what it means to be a member. In other words, it will help our guests navigate the MPBC world.

This is a great opportunity for congregants to share their MPBC stories. Are you invested in a ministry, small group, or class and you want to invite others to join you? Navigating will be a place for new relationships to be made while we all journey together.

To learn more, or to participate, please contact me at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org or 704.334.7232 x 118.
Service of Family Dedication

September 17, 2017

Milly and Louis Asbury bringing Adair Howell Asbury

Jenn and Andrew McGuigan bringing Sarah McGuigan and Annabelle McGuigan

Lindsay and Eric Starr, along with big sister Nola, bringing Remy Jameson Starr

We will gather on the following Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30a in the Cornwell Conference Center. Mark your calendar for these dates:

October 4
Speaker | Reverend Ben Boswell
Topic | The Strategic Plan for the Future of MPBC

November 1
Speaker | Reverend Ed Spencer
Topic | Bridges Out of Poverty
Rev. Spencer will give a presentation on how all of us need to understand the dynamics of poverty. He will present practical ways for us to approach the gradual elimination of poverty instead of trying to place band-aids on the problem.

Senior Adult Gatherings

By Joe Aldrich
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Fall Family Dedication | Sunday, October 22 | During 11:00a Worship

We have a few more slots left for our fall dedication. If your family would like to participate in this special worship service, please contact Carrie Veal, cveal@myersparkbaptist.org or 704.334.7232 x 118.

Join us for a Congregational Meeting and Lunch Sunday, October 8 in Heaton Hall immediately following worship

We’ll be talking about the Tactics for our Strategic Plan.
We will have lunch with sandwiches and salad served family style (we ask a $5 donation/ person)
Following lunch, childcare will be provided for kindergarteners and younger.

We're Making a Deadline Change

With the holidays fast approaching, we realized that it is time to adjust the deadline for newsletter submissions in order to be able to get the newsletter to you in a timely manner. Starting in October 2017, the deadline will be the 10th of each month. If the 10th falls on a weekend, the deadline is the Friday before. Ministry Chairs, please make sure that SLG Members know. Questions? Contact Laura Geer at lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org.
Updates from the Ministry of Facilities Management

By Gene Doar, Chair
Ministry of Facilities Management

In my last letter to you, which appeared in the September Newsletter, I mentioned that the Church would be renovating the elevator in the Administration/Education Building due to some safety concerns. I can now tell you that a contract has been signed with Otis Elevator Company to proceed with the renovation. Work will commence in mid-January and will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete. Unfortunately, the required demolition and renovation work will be loud and messy. Just be aware that some alternative planning for meetings and other events may be required. This much-needed project is being made possible by a very generous gift from a Church family who, when hearing of the need, stepped up to provide all the funding required. Please say a little prayer of thanks for this family and their very kind and generous gift.

I know that having this elevator out of service will inconvenience some of you, if not prevent you from getting to your classrooms or meeting spaces during the renovation. I have contacted Chrissy Williamson and Rainey Underwood to arrange for alternative meeting space for those classes being impacted by the renovation. I’m sorry for the inconvenience, but as I said in my earlier article, it is absolutely necessary that the elevator be renovated.

Another item mentioned in my September article was the very poor condition of the Church bus. This is also being remedied by another generous gift. The new bus has been ordered and should arrive within the next month or two. LeighAnne Hagerman can provide the details and has pictures of what the new bus will look like.

We are indeed blessed to have such generous and gracious members who act selflessly when critical needs present themselves. When the 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign begins, I hope all will step up to be as generous as possible so that these burdens are not always borne by a select few.

AWAKENING TO IMMIGRANT INJUSTICE:
Loving the Foreigner, Welcoming the Stranger

By Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Last month, 75 members of this Church and the community gathered in Heaton Hall to kick off this year’s series, Awakening to Immigrant Injustice (ATII). During this inaugural session, Dr. Maggie Commins from Queens University led us in conversation about immigration: Who is immigrating to the U.S.? What are the trends and numbers related to the movements of people into our country? What does the language of “illegal alien,” “undocumented immigrant,” and “illegal immigrant” mean? And why does this language matter in terms of our political and friendly conversations around this issue?

This month, on October 4, we will continue our in-depth study of immigration, led by Dr. Sarah Griffith of Queens University. At this month’s session, we will learn about the evolution of American immigration policies and laws. We’ll pay attention to trends of inclusion and exclusion and how those trends are related to social historical trends.

If you were unable to attend the September gathering or will not be able to join us in October, don’t worry! Audio recordings of every ATII session will be posted online at www.myersparkbaptist.org/awakening-to-immigrant-injustice. We are currently forming small groups around this year’s Awakening theme. If you are interested in joining a group that eats at immigrant-owned restaurants, or a book group that reads some of the books from the recommended reading for the series, or if you’d like to discover your own ethnic history alongside others doing the same work, please reach out to Caroline Manning (cmanning@myersparkbaptist.org, Program Administrative Assistant) and let her know!
Everyone is invited to come in costume for this Church-wide event. Dinner will be served starting at 5:45p, then the Halloween festivities will begin and is guaranteed to be fun for all ages! There will be games in Heaton Hall Foyer and Trick or Treating throughout the Education Building. This is a great evening to see old friends and meet new ones.

The good news is that you can be involved even if you don’t have young children. We will be decorating Heaton Hall and the Trick or Treating doors during the day on Wednesday, October 25. Hosts are needed to help with games as well as to hand out candy to the trick or treaters at each of the Trick or Treating doors. Everything will be planned and provided for you, so you get to just have fun with the children and families. We also need individually wrapped candies and greeters to welcome our guests. You can sign up on the Church website or contact Katie Hambrick, the Children’s Ministry Intern, at children@myersparkbaptist.org.

Dinner Menu: Pizza, Salad Bar, and Dessert

Cost: Adults $6 | Kids $3 | Family Max $24

Make dinner reservations by noon on Monday, October 23: online | runderwood@myersparkbaptist.org | 704.334.7232 x156.
Our Covenant calls us “to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.” One way our Church has answered this call to stewardship is through giving to MPBC’s Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund was approved by the congregation in 1972 for the purpose of enriching the lives, missions, and ministry of the Church. Through the generosity of our members, the church’s General Endowment Fund has a current principal balance of more than $5 million. (The Cornwall Center has two separate endowment funds as well.)

Over the years, the General Endowment Fund has provided more than $2.5 million (over and above the dollars provided by our annual operating budget) for a wide range of spiritual, educational, and outreach projects benefitting the Church, our congregation, and the community. Funds from the Endowment are used to sustain many aspects of the Church including general maintenance and repair of the Church’s property and grounds. Indeed, without the Endowment Funds, many programming, project, and staffing needs would go unmet – and our facilities would be in much worse shape.

The Endowment Servant Leadership Group (SLG) is charged with managing the assets of the Endowment Fund and pursuing an investment of those funds that allows reasonable growth while safeguarding the principal to ensure that funding is there for future generations. This accountability structure includes the investment of the Endowment’s assets under the advisement of a professional financial advisor and the approval of disbursements from the Endowment earnings throughout the year.

Each year, the Endowment SLG authorizes approximately 4% to 5% of the principal for potential disbursements. In 2017, that equated to roughly $250,000. While that is a lot of money, of course, the vast majority of those funds are for “restricted” purposes only (for example, education, mission, worship/music, staff development/internships, scholarships, etc.) and limited funds are available on an “unrestricted” basis. In fact, it is not uncommon for the Endowment SLG to reject requests for funding due to lack of available funds.

Over the last several years, the Endowment SLG has been asked to examine “socially responsible investing” (SRI) as a potential methodology for managing the investment of the Endowment Fund’s assets. SRI is an investment discipline that considers both the potential financial return as well as the environmental, social, and societal impact of an underlying company or investment.

The “official” view of the Endowment SLG in response to these questions has been that SRI is great in theory but very difficult in practice, and that managing the Endowment Fund’s assets under an SRI framework would be burdensome and distracting from the guiding principles of the Endowment Fund itself — that is, to protect the principal of the Fund’s assets and approve appropriate disbursements each year (which are used for positive, “socially responsible” purposes in the end).

To understand the difficulty of utilizing SRI criteria, you have to define what “SRI” means. While you might be able to determine what meets that definition for you, imagine trying to agree on what that means across our congregation.

Do you want to exclude all “sin” companies? What constitutes a “sin” company exactly? Alcohol? Nuclear weapons? Drug companies that manufacture opioids? Firearms or conventional weapons? What about companies that produce contraceptives or products used in abortions? What about stem cell research? Okay, if a company has $1 of involvement in these “anti-SRI” activities, should the whole company be excluded as well? (What about the U.S. government? Do you exclude the purchase of U.S. treasuries because the U.S. may be involved in a conflict, or provide financial support for a cause you do not believe in?) All right, what about excluding companies with bad labor or consumer practices? Can you define “bad” exactly? Should a company be excluded because of the actions of its CEO (say, a harassment issue) or because a minority of its employees behave in a risky manner or even violate the law (say, an unfair labor practice)? See recent activities involving some banks and financial institutions — including institutions where fellow members of the congregation work. Does SRI now mean we can’t invest in those companies? Does it mean we as a Church shouldn’t also accept financial donations from congregants who might work for these companies? (I am not suggesting this path, of course — simply illustrating the slippery slope!)

Yikes! You can see how quickly the questions and answers get really difficult. In reality, there aren’t many companies with the name “Evil Corp.” or that are formed for the purpose of making money off illicit purposes. Moreover, what I define as socially acceptable (if not responsible) might be considered socially reprehensible to others. Coming up with an SRI policy that we felt the congregation would agree with — and managing that going forward — did not seem to be without sin among you be the first to throw a stone....”

While this has been the consistent thinking from the Endowment SLG over the last several years, there has been a lingering question in the back of our minds: what exactly is the Endowment Fund invested in then if we don’t utilize an SRI approach and the underlying investments are broad-based mutual funds? How can the Endowment SLG and the Church feel good if we don’t know what companies we are actually invested in?

To answer that question, the Endowment SLG recently asked our investment adviser to examine our current investment portfolio of funds and to run it through a sample SRI screen to help the Endowment SLG have a better understanding of how our funds are invested. Our adviser used a very conservative sample SRI “do not buy” list (which might be used by a more conservative religious organization)...
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organization of 84 U.S. companies and 156 international companies and compared that list against the current holdings of all the underlying mutual funds invested in by the Endowment Fund. Based on this screening, our adviser determined that 96% of all assets in the Endowment portfolio today passed the SRI test, and using a less conservative screen would mean that likely 98% to 99% of the Endowment’s investments would pass SRI screening.

Based on this review, the Endowment SLG felt a huge sigh of relief and confirmation that our existing philosophy and approach with regard to SRI is still appropriate. That said, we will continue to examine this issue periodically to ensure that we remain faithful stewards of these important Church assets.

On behalf of the Endowment SLG, we thank you for the opportunity to lead and support this important endeavor for the Church. If you have any questions or are interested in making a gift to the Endowment Fund, please reach out to me (scott.haenni@gmail.com) or Leigh Anne Hagerman (lhagerman@myersparkbaptist.org).

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Once again, we will be gathering as a community of faith to package 20,000 meals to help those who are hungry around the world. The event is family-friendly, fun, and rewarding! It is a great way of forming new relationships as we work side by side while doing something that benefits thousands of people. Be part of a group effort to RISE AGAINST HUNGER! So, how can we all participate?

Sign up online to help!

4:00-5:30p  Help unload and set up | Roswell Circle
5:45-6:20p  Fellowship Dinner | Heaton Hall
6:30-8:00p  Meal packaging | Cornwell Center Gym

Can’t help on November 8?
Give generously to the Rice Bowl offering on Sunday, November 5, or send a check with RISE AGAINST HUNGER/STOP HUNGER NOW on the memo line. Ingredients for each meal cost only 29¢, and the more funds we have, the more meals we can provide.

If you can help unload, set up, and/or package meals, email Joe Aldrich at jaldrich@myersparkbaptist.org, or sign up on the Church website.

* Please make your dinner reservations by noon on Monday, November 6 by going online to myMPBC, or by contacting Rainey Underwood at 704.334.7232 x 156 or runderwood@myersparkbaptist.org.

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Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Meeting

By Joe Aldrich

On November 2-4, 2017, MPBC will be hosting the Board of BPFNA on our campus. This organization ministers to many people all over the world to bring about peace between us and our neighbors, near and far. BPFNA is one of our Awakening partners this year.

We will be hosting 12 members of the Board on Thursday and Friday nights, November 2-3. We are looking for volunteers to help in various ways:

• Transportation | We need volunteers to provide transportation from the airport, as well as to and from the meetings at our Church.

• Meals | Volunteers are needed to provide lunch and dinner on Thursday and Friday and lunch on Saturday.

• Housing | We are looking for volunteers to provide housing for our 12 guests.

To help with this ministry, please contact me at 704.334.7232 x 113 or jaldrich@myersparkbaptist.org.
On Sunday, October 15, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir will join us for worship. Founded in 1986, the OIGC was born out of a gospel music workshop led by the exuberant Terrance Kelly. OIGC is composed of thirteen different faiths whose mission “is to inspire joy and unity among all people through black gospel and spiritual music traditions.” Many of their performances are delivered to underserved audiences with free and low-cost concerts.

The Chancel Choir will welcome guest conductor, Terrance Kelly, as the choirs sing together Moses Hogan’s arrangement of “God’s gonna set this world on fire.” The Oakland Choir will also perform a couple of songs of their own. The music will be a wonderful complement to the message from our J21 speaker, Rev. Dr. Miguel De La Torre.

The Oakland Choir is traveling to the South with the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus as the Lavender Pen Tour, singing their message of equality and inclusiveness. Both choirs will visit six southern states that have sought to legalize intolerance with LGBTQ legislation. They will sing a joint concert at Ovens Auditorium on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale and available through Ticketmaster.

Why is it called the Lavender Pen Tour? It is named after Harvey Milk, the first openly gay candidate elected to major office in the U.S. In 1977, Milk sponsored a landmark gay civil rights bill which was signed by San Francisco Mayor George Moscone with a lavender pen given to him by Milk. Following Milk’s assassination in 1978, the lavender pen remains a symbol of the fight for equality.
John Rutter's "Requiem"

Sunday, November 5 | During 11:00 a Worship

By Deborah Moore Clarke

The Christian Liturgical Calendar denotes Sunday, November 5, 2017 as All Saints' Sunday. On this hallowed day, we will remember the saints gone before us and name aloud those from our congregation who have departed this earthly home during the past year. To further commemorate the lives of the deceased, the Myers Park Baptist Chancel Choir will present in 11:00a worship John Rutter’s exquisitely beautiful Requiem. The 40-minute work in seven movements is scored for cello, soprano, and oboe soli with mixed choir, organ, and chamber ensemble of harp, flute, glockenspiel, and timpani. Fran Morrison will conduct.

Rutter’s Requiem, completed in 1985, provides a musical setting to portions of the Latin Requiem, to which Rutter adds psalms and biblical verses set in English. Five of the seven movements are based on text from the Latin Requiem Mass: Requiem aeternam, Pie Jesu, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Lux aeterna. Movement two is a setting of Psalm 130 (Out of the deep) and movement six is an anthem based upon Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd).

Composer John Milford Rutter was born September 24, 1945 in London. Educated at Clare College, Cambridge, Rutter later served as director of music at Clare College from 1975-79, leading the choir to international acclaim. In 1981, Rutter founded the Cambridge Singers, a choir he conducts and with whom he has made many recordings of sacred choral repertoire, including his own works. Rutter resides in England and frequently conducts choirs and orchestras worldwide.

Rutter’s compositions are primarily choral, including carols, anthems, and extended works such as Requiem, Gloria, and Magnificat. His music is eclectic, showing influences of French and English choral traditions of the early 20th Century, light music, and American classic songwriting. Nearly every composition he writes has a subsequent orchestral accompaniment in addition to its keyboard scoring. Rutter has confessed that while he composes and conducts religious music, he is “not a particularly religious man, yet still deeply spiritual and inspired by the spirituality of sacred verses and prayers.” Sir David Willcocks, Rutter’s protecteur, considers his protégé Rutter “the most gifted composer of his generation.”

Please join us Sunday, November 5, at 11:00a for the offering of Rutter’s Requiem in worship. We anticipate the music and message of the Requiem will evoke a rich and meaningful worship experience.

NOTES:
• Requiem score notes, Oxford U Press, 1986.
• Wikipedia: John Rutter/Gloria, August 4, 2014

A Word of Thanks

I want to thank you, the members of Myers Park Baptist, for the honor of serving as your organist for almost 11 years now. I have come to love the community I have found here at this Church. It has been a privilege to serve alongside a most wonderful staff over the years, especially the musicians whom I consider to be valuable friends and colleagues. Please know that I will always hold this congregation near to my heart.

Grace and Peace, Matthew Manwarren ■

Mark and Maggie O’Connor
Sunday, September 24

www.myersparkbaptist.org
Worshipping Together at Choir Retreat  
Sunday, September 3

Raise a Song with the Chapel Choir at Aldersgate  
Sunday, October 29 | 4:00p

By Charlotte Judge

Since 2008, Myers Park Baptist’s Chapel Choir (2nd - 5th graders) has participated in a children’s choir retreat weekend at Camp Caraway in Asheboro. This was the brainchild of Fran Morrison, Larry Schultz, and me. We partnered with Providence United Methodist, Pullen Memorial Baptist in Raleigh, St. John’s Baptist, and Sardis Baptist initially to create the Raise a Song experience. Since then, the group has changed to include Providence Baptist Church and Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church in Cary, NC.

Each year the weekend ends with a beautiful service of music that the children spent the weekend preparing. The directors always leave saying, "I wish more people could have been here to hear this." Well, now is your chance. Myers Park Baptist will join Providence Baptist and Providence United Methodist children’s choirs at Aldersgate Retirement Community on October 29 for the 4:00 Vespers Service. We will sing the music that we prepared together in April. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at cjudge@myersparkbaptist.org or 704.334.7232 x 121.

Through-The-Week School News

By Belinda Geuss

In October, the Through-the-Week School curriculum is in full swing when all “specials” begin. These curriculum enhancements are offered to 2’s - TK students and include half-hour sessions of Music, Spanish, Science, and My Gym, along with our own interactive art studio, Exploration Station. On October 19, as part of the TTWS Cultural Awareness program, children will experience a puppet show entitled “Barnyard News” performed by puppeteers from the organization INREACH. This nonprofit organization provides support for individuals with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, and other developmental intellectual disabilities.

Other events in October at TTWS include optional Speech and Hearing testing, a special playdate for new TTWS families, and parent/teacher conferences for 3's - TK. October is always a student favorite with Halloween and our annual trick or treating throughout the Church offices and the Cornwall Center.

Parents are getting excited for the 19th annual Festival of Friends fundraiser, to be held at the home of TTWS parents Stephen and Peyton Hostetler on October 21. This very special evening features a live and silent auction to benefit the growing capital improvements at Through-the-Week School.

We welcome you to visit our new beautiful website at www.throughtheweekpreschool.com. We play to learn and learn to play at TTWS! Come join us!
**Fitness**

*New Fitness Experience Team Member:*
Welcome Terrain Gill. Terrain has worked for Wells Fargo since 2002. He currently works in the Wealth & Investment Management department at WF and at Cornwell on Monday and Friday evenings. He is a great addition to our team! Ask him about his Price Is Right Truck...

*New Class*
**Girls on the Bike**
Mon and Wed 5-5:45p
A unique Spin class specially designed for girls 10 and older, registration required CadenCe Studio with Marcy Luna.

**On Hiatus**
Bootcamp (Sat)

**Time Change**
Wednesday Spin moves to 6pm (from 5:45p)

Got a class idea? Know someone who is a fantastic instructor? Get in touch with PJ! (pjisaac@cornwellcenter.org).

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**PHOTO Connections**

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**PHOTO Connections**

Wednesday, October 18
7-9p with John Bambach

cornwellcenter.org/photo/

“Into the Light” is the assignment this month. Email 1-2 shots to John Bambach (jbambach@cornwellcenter.org) by noon on October 17. These monthly meetings are FREE and OPEN to all levels of experience and equipment.

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**2017 Piedmont Pastel Society**
**Member Calendar Show**
**Exhibition at the Cornwell Center**
Enjoy the exhibit throughout the halls from October 1 – November 4. You’re invited to the Awards Reception on October 7 from 4-6p with show judge and artist Tom Christopher.

**Musical Lunch Hour with Faye**
Faye works her magic on the piano in the lounge on Tuesdays 11:00a – 12:30p and Fridays 12:30-2p. She takes requests!

**LiveWell Cornwell**
**DIY Essential Oils Workshop**
Wednesday, October 18
10:30a-Noon
Cornwell Conference Room

If you have “good sense,” you will come learn about “good scents” and how they can positively impact your health!

**Join The Learning Connection from 10:30a - Noon along with Marcy Luna, Certified Essential Oils Coach, for an interactive conversation about what essential oils are, what to look for when choosing them, and how they can benefit you! Free and open to all!**

Register at cornwellcenter.org or at the Welcome Desk. Brought to you courtesy of the Learning Connection.

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**We ♥ Our Members!**

What fun to shower our members with treats for Member Appreciation Week in September! Many of you refueled with fresh fruit after your workouts, and the healthy snacks were a big hit. Jenny's smoothies were delicious crowd pleasers – and Whole 30 approved to boot!

With Deborah returning and our newer therapist Laura doling out the free chair massages, many members were able to experience a few minutes of relaxed bliss before heading back out into their day.

It was affirming to reconnect with our members’ healthy eating habits, so a big takeaway will be creating more programming to support your healthy efforts! Build a Better Lunchbox was a fun and interactive conversation. Everyone came away with new tools and secrets (put a piece or two of frozen broccoli in your kid’s smoothie & they’ll never know!)

Look for future programs to help you build your healthy eating tool kit and support the work you do to nourish the young folks in your lives.

Kids enjoyed pizza, made new friends, and generally had a blast for Parent's Night Out! We loved seeing parents dolled up and giddy to hit the town as carefree adults!

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With smiles like these, look for this to become a monthly thing

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**FALL HOURS**

M - Th 5:00 AM - 9:00 PM
F 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Sa 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Su 12:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The Cornwell Center will be closed on Labor Day
These hours take effect on Tuesday, September 5

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