Alternative Worship
August 23 and 30
By Robin Coira
Get ready for two exceptional worship experiences in August! As a result of our Alternative Worship Task Force’s work, we are providing two alternative services this month and a Taizé Service in September.

On August 23, we will offer a Contemplative Service in Heaton Hall at 10:00. Planned by lay leaders and Joe Aldrich, please see the article below about this service.

On August 30, we will offer an Upbeat Alternative Service at 10:00 in Heaton Hall. This service also has been planned by lay leaders and Chrissey Williamson. Please see her article about this service on page 10.

On these two days, this will be the only worship service offered. Both services will be followed by a brief evaluation and then TalkBack. Through the all-church survey, you requested this opportunity to personally experience these worship styles. Please make plans to attend.

Contemplative Worship August 23
By Joe Aldrich
How do we hear the still, small voice of God if we don’t regularly cultivate silence and stillness in our lives and worship? In addition to offering God the acts of worship with which we are familiar—songs, hymns, prayers, offerings, service—there is a form of worship in which we are invited to offer God our stillness and silence and sink into “a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God” (as the old hymn proclaims). Our service on August 23 will be an experiment with corporate contemplation as our act of worship.

Start-Up Weekend
September 12 and 13
By Robin Coira
Cornwell Festival
Saturday, 8:00am - Noon
Join us on Saturday, September 12 at the Cornwell Center for a morning full of festivities including “Splash & Dash.” That’s what we are calling our newest adventure—an Aquathlon (264m swim) and 5K race. Registration for the Splash & Dash is limited to the first 200 participants. Go to the Cornwell website for registration information. There will be plenty of other activities for the entire family, including: Andre’s Cardio Craze, inflatables, a rock climbing wall, petting zoo and food vendors. Come and join us for this morning of fun!

Start-Up Sunday
9:45am-1:00pm
Sunday School classes will begin at 9:45, followed by worship at 11:00. Bill Leonard will be preaching and we will share Communion with one another. Following worship, we will gather for a Congregational Meeting and barbeque lunch in Heaton Hall. Lunch will be prepared by our own kitchen volunteers and we are asking for contributions of $5.00 for adults and $2.50 for children. During the Congregational Meeting we will receive an update from our Senior Minister Search Group. I hope you will save these dates and plan to be with us as we begin another great year together at Myers Park Baptist Church.

Vacation Bible School 2015
By Carrie Veal
Every year there are adults who take the “vacation” part of VBS literally; they use their personal vacation time to be a part of a faith formation opportunity for our children. Here are what some have to say about doing this:

“Most people who know me know that I love children, and I have a strong belief that they are the future of our Church. I believe we must grow our children and nurture them so that they will become the adults we as a Church need them to be and we as a society need them to be. I take paid time off every year to work VBS because this is part of us as a Church growing and nurturing our children. I think it is important work. I am dedicated to the children because I am dedicated to the future of our Church.”

~ Julie Barfield
**Happenings**

By Robin Coira

August is always a busy month as we prepare for the beginning of a new program year at the Church. While we are beginning something new, we are also ending something special. That is our mutual ministry with Jonathan Crutchfield, who has been with us for 9 years. I hope you will join us on August 2nd at our reception for him following worship.

I am pleased to announce that we have a guest Choral Director in place for August and September: Dr. Jeffrey Price, Faculty Emeritus in Music at UNC-Charlotte and Choirmaster of the First Presbyterian Church of Concord, will lead the Chancel Choir Retreat during Labor Day weekend. He also will collaborate with our music staff to coordinate music for worship for the next several months. Please welcome Jeff when you see him.

We have a great line-up of preachers for August. Remember that we will not have a Summertime Breakfast or TalkBack on August 2 because of the reception for Jonathan. Otherwise join us from 8:30 to 9:30 and share a lovely breakfast with old and new friends. Here is the preaching schedule:

- **August 2:** The Rev. Dr. Russ Dean, Co-Pastor, Park Road Baptist Church
- **August 9:** The Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard
- **August 16:** The Rev. Robin Tanner, Lead Minister, Piedmont Unitarian Universalist Church
- **August 23:** The Rev. Dr. Bill Leonard, Contemplative Worship Service
- **August 30:** Rabbi Judy Schindler, Senior Rabbi, Temple Beth El, Upbeat Alternative Worship Service

Two final notes about technology. If you haven’t visited the Cornwell Center’s new website, you need to see it. A vibrant, interactive and informative site will greet you at www.cornwellcenter.org. Also, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Jane Huddle for helping us launch myMPBC. If you haven’t signed up, you need to check it out. As we move into the Fall, this will be your portal for signing up for all of our events and small groups.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer and join us for Sabbath rest and refreshment on Sundays. ■

**Milestones**

(as of July 15, 2015)

DEATHS/LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:
- The family of Bob Brawley on his death, June 16, 2015, in Charlotte, NC.
- The family of Maude Spencer on her death, June 16, 2015, in Charlotte, NC.
- Mollie Brugh and her family on the death of her mother, Mollie Bowie Marsh, June 17, 2015, in High Point, NC.
- The family of Allen Tate, Jr. on his death, June 22, 2015, in Charlotte, NC.
- Kevin Davis and her family on the death of her husband, Jim Lanning, July 9, 2015, in Charlotte, NC.
- The family of Wilbur E. Bryant on his death, March 1, 2015, in Charlotte, NC.
- Ann Taylor on the death of her sister, June Smith, July 9, 2015 in Huntsville, AL.
- Jim Rayburn on the death of his brother-in-law, J. William Daniel, Jr, July 12, 2015, in Homosassa, FL. ■

**Executive Minister’s Column**

**MPBC Newsletter August 2015**

**August Loose Plate Offering Recipient**

By Cheri Lindblom

The Loose Plate Missions Offering for August will benefit the Charlotte Community Health Clinic. The clinic provides quality, low-cost, compassionate health care to uninsured, low-income residents of Mecklenburg County who lack access to care. For more information, please visit www.charlottecommunityhealthclinic.org. ■

**Exciting New Changes**

By Jane Huddle, Chair, Technology SLG

Some recent changes were implemented to myMPBC. The first change you will notice is a new box on your Home page. It is called “My Giving Summary” and it includes a “Give Now” button which allows church members to give to selected church funds. A “pilot” fund has been selected – donations for altar flowers. Additional funds will be added after the pilot.

Another option that you will notice on your Home page is the ability to view “Available Small Groups.” Anyone can request more information about a group by clicking on the “Request Info” link in the top right-hand corner of each group entry. The plan is to add the Fall Connections Groups to the “Available Small Groups” during the registration period. Information on the Church website and on the weekly news sheet will inform you of the sign-up time frame.

Future Church event registrations will also be done using myMPBC, so create your sign-in ID and password if you haven’t already.

If you have any questions about these new features or if you need help creating your sign-in ID, please contact me, Jane Huddle, at jhuddle1@carolina.rr.com or by phone at 704.641.0481. ■

**Myers Park Baptist Church**

**Deacon of the Week**

**July 26 - August 1:** Tillie Tice, 704.643.8111, ttice@carolina.rr.com

**August 2-8:** Richard Pearsall, 704.965.5558, richardpearsallre@gmail.com

**August 9-15:** Rick Bahnsen, 704.752.7871, rbahnsen@bellsouth.net

**August 16-22:** George Buck, 704.525.2293, georbuck@aol.com

**August 23-29:** Tom Jones, 704.621.6122, tmjr@icloud.com

**August 30 - September 6:** Ted Lucas, 704.930.7170, tedlucas@aol.com ■
Together, With Thanks

By Carol Reid

Paula and I came to worship on Sunday, June 28 to be together with our community of faith during a time of deep joy. I looked around the sanctuary and saw numerous members of MPBC who are also part of the LGBT Fellowship. We came to celebrate together. We came to offer thanks together. We came to be at one with the beloved community that welcomed us, that stood with us.

No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. ...The Constitution grants them that right. It is so ordered.

~ The Supreme Court of the United States, June 26, 2015

“Can you believe it?” “Isn’t it wonderful?!?” “Never thought it would happen so soon.” Some of us have already married. Some are planning future celebrations. Married, single, or partnered, we all felt the same rejoicing.

Thank you for leading the way, Myers Park Baptist Church. Thank you for opening your doors to us. Thank you, staff and congregation for the courage, years ago, to welcome us into your midst, to share your history, to encourage our participation, to step into this cultural shift beside us.

You do not simply “welcome and affirm” who we are, you go beyond---you embrace us. You embrace us as individuals with gifts and talents to share. You fully embrace us into the leadership of MPBC. You embrace us as beloved children of God.

We are part of you. Seamlessly. We are on staff, we sing in the choir, we work, we contribute, we support the life of this Church. We need each other. We belong here, together. We teach and learn the meaning of love, together. We dream together. We live into the Covenant together. Thanks be to God!

Planning for What’s “Next” for MPBC

By Ed Williams

Though our Church has not had a senior minister since 2013, Myers Park Baptist has shown what one national expert considers impressive vitality.

John Vonhof, author of “The Pastoral Search Journey,” says churches searching for a new pastor often experience declines in attendance, giving and participation. When our Church fell $40,000 short of its $1.75 million budget goal for 2014, he said that should be viewed not as a disappointment but as an “admirable” achievement.

If 2014 was admirable, 2015 was stupendous. Last year the congregation showed even stronger financial commitment to the Church. With 544 pledges totaling $1,909,068, the campaign led by Chris and Linda William set a new record – the first time pledges had topped $1.9 million.

The 2016 stewardship campaign seeks to continue that momentum. This year’s theme “Next” seeks to take the congregation past the ministerial search process and address the transitions necessary to capture the Church’s longer-term opportunities.

As this year’s campaign chairs, Chris and Lydia Skardon, put it, “The best way to achieve the strongest possible congregational support is by expanding the church’s financial leadership among its present congregants. Our Church has much to offer its members and to our community. Nobody knows this better than our present members. A deep stewardship bench will keep our Church at the forefront of Charlotte’s faith community and position it to serve Charlotte’s rapidly expanding population.”

The “Next” theme recognizes three major transitions now occurring in our Church. The first is in ministerial leadership, as we seek our sixth senior minister since the Church’s founding in 1943. The second is in financial leadership, as newer members lead our stewardship efforts and provide a greater share of our Church’s revenue. The third is a generational evolution, as younger members assume greater roles in shaping the future of the Church.

In the next few months the stewardship campaign will engage church members in a conversation about what strong stewardship allows Myers Park Baptist to be. We’ll take a close look at our Church’s budget. Who gives? Where does the money go, in services and opportunities for our members and missions for the larger community? What opportunities exist for our Church to better serve its members and the community? What’s “Next” for Myers Park Baptist Church?

This Church’s history of service and the commitment of its present members, as demonstrated in last year’s stewardship campaign, offer ample reason for optimism. What’s “Next” seems likely to be continued pursuit of the dream that possessed our church’s founders: of a loving community that follows the path of Jesus in caring for both its members and our neighbors.

MPBC Year-To-Date Finance Report

June 2015

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New Church Pictorial Directory Update

By Mariah Currin

Thanks to all who came out to have their picture taken! We now are in the design and proofing stages. This takes time, and we appreciate your patience.
By Chris Hughes

“The Kingdom of God is like...a mustard seed, or like a woman baking bread, or like a landowner paying day laborers, or like a sower going out to sow seed. The Kingdom of God is like...” I like to imagine Jesus constantly trying to fill in the blanks, like a riddle or a puzzle. Maybe as he made his way through the world, he kept picking up pieces of the puzzle as he went, fleshing out a fuller picture of what it really was. Have you ever tried to fill in the blanks for yourself?

Last month, the Kingdom of God picture became a little fuller for our youth group as we traveled to Washington, D.C. to explore, to serve, and to grow. We stayed right in the heart of D.C.’s Chinatown neighborhood at Calvary Baptist Church. We attended worship there and found a church very similar to our own – one that is adapting to a changing neighborhood and culture, open and welcoming, traditional and progressive, and, serendipitously, also without a pastor. There was no sermon that morning; instead they had a discussion about a recent congregational survey in which the church reflected on who they were and where they wanted to go with a new pastor. I think our first glimpse of the Kingdom of God was realizing that our Church isn’t alone on this transition journey!

At the beginning and end of the trip, we shared our “God Moments” from the trip, moments when we really could see God in each other and in the city. One youth shared that she was so grateful for the welcome and openness she felt at Calvary Baptist Church. She said, “I knew that I was welcomed and loved at my Church but I never knew I could feel it at another church.” On the last night, our lone senior, Will Cranford, shared, “I’ve had three youth ministers at this Church. But I’ve only had one Fran.” Fran Morrison, Associate Minister of Music, was one of the leaders on the trip and Will thanked her for her years serving the youth. It was a wonderful reminder that even though only one person carries the title “Minister to Youth”, there are countless youth ministers in this Church who pour their love, time, and energy into the lives of our young people.

What was my “God Moment”? On the last night of the trip, our group served a meal at Church of the Epiphany to persons who are homeless. We welcomed them and were playing games with them as though they were just part of the group. They talked about favorite sports teams, what they wanted to do with their lives, and what they had seen in D.C. Hannah Long and Annie Odom, two middle school youth, said, “It was like the walls came down and there was no longer ‘us’ and ‘them.’”

The Kingdom of God is like...19 teenagers and five adults, jumping into some vans and driving 400 miles to a city they don’t really know. Hopped up on soda and coffee, struggling against the urge to check their cellphones or follow-up on some work emails, they went to work with 12 different service agencies. And when the time came, they loved and served people they didn’t know, and realized they weren’t so different after all.
Thank you to everyone who supported our youth at Service According to Youth!

Washington, D.C. Mission Trip - serving dinner at Church of the Epiphany

Helping Parks and People and relaxing together at the end of the day

Selfies at the Lincoln Memorial and Ford’s Theater
Jesus in the 21st Century Lecture Series Presents:

John Dominic Crossan

October 16-18, 2015
Registration opens online August 1

By Bruce Harned

John Dominic Crossan - MPBC friend and Jesus in the 21st Century presenter this fall - considers Paul one of the most influential people in history. I’ll chance it and put Paul in Crossan’s Top 5. We can confirm that guess on the weekend of October 16th.

Paul’s influence stems from his ability to make Christian philosophy operational. His admonitions to members of the fledgling faith give direction to thought and behavior. Two thousand years later they still resound. Indeed, the Christian and non-Christian world feels the influence of a belief system greatly defined by this man.

Crossan dives into that definition and Paul’s specific words in two recent books – “How to Read the Bible and Still be Christian” and “The First Paul” (co-authored with Marcus Borg). He quickly contends that the Paul in the thirteen books attributed to him is not one person, but at least three. Crossan cites generally accepted biblical scholarship and provides his own interpretations of style and message in Paul’s books to make good his claim.

The writings of “The 3 Pauls” cover what Crossan reckons is a 50± year journey from Jewish Christianity to Roman Christianity, from “radical” to “reactionary” with a short stint in “conservative.”

Crossan analyzes the change from early to later Paul by observing his stance on slavery. His first commentary, roughly 60 CE, is to Philemon. He gently but clearly tells Philemon that he cannot own fellow Christian Onesimus as they are equals before God. Later - Crossan assumes a generation - “conservative” Paul reflects in Colossians and Ephesians that slavery is okay, but says both sides have mutual responsibilities. Finally in Titus, the “reactionary” Paul states that slave owners owe nothing to their chattel and that slaves must submit to their masters – period.

As you would expect, Crossan explores many other Pauline attitudes in important areas such as women and the church. It’s no surprise that the reactionary change in message and attitude are consistent over time.

What happened? Find out starting on October 16th.

It’s a fascinating, frankly maddening story, well told by John Dominic Crossan. As a bonus, he also sheds light on Paul’s mysterious “thorn in the flesh” / “messenger of Satan.” Crossan’s analysis of Paul’s long-debated “curse” reveals a condition as prevalent in today’s world as it was then.

Registration opens August 1 at www.mpbconline.org. You may also register by calling Anne Clarke at 704.334.7232 x15.

Connections Small Groups Leader Training

By Chrissy Williamson

Sunday, August 30
Noon – 1:30pm
Lunch Provided

Wednesday, September 2
6:00–7:30pm
Dinner Provided

This fall our registration process for Connections Small Groups is moving to ACS (our Church database through myMPBC). This will enable group facilitators to better manage and communicate with group participants. While the changes will ultimately streamline the process of small group management for group leaders, all leaders need to attend a training session to understand the new technology. The same information will be available at two training sessions. Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend one of the two Connections Small Group Leader Training Sessions. Contact Anne Clarke to sign up or check the appropriate box on the proposal form.

Attention Facilitators:

- Do you have an idea for a Connections small group?
- Are you willing to facilitate the group?
- Do you know someone who would?

Submit your proposal for a Fall Connections Group online at www.mpbconline.org between August 1-30.

Small Group Registration opens September 13.

Questions? Contact Pam Johnson, Connections SLG Chair, pbjrhlj@gmail.com

Covenanting with Our Children

“We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God’s grace we are experiencing God’s love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful.”

By Carrie Veal

These are the opening lines of our Church’s Covenant. As we enter a new church year, I am asking that every parent enter into a covenant with the children’s ministry and one another to be intentional about living out this journey with the children of our Church and in community with one another.

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This month youth families should receive in the mail a booklet filled with all the information they’ll need for Youth Ministry in the upcoming church year. This tells how to keep in touch, when major events are happening, and how to serve the Youth Ministry. My hope is that youth families will look through it together, mark the important dates, and then stick it on the fridge. Hang on to it throughout the year and consult it whenever you need.

On another note, we have a real need for volunteers in the Youth Ministry. We need volunteers for Sunday Night Youth Fellowship, especially women leaders who are willing to come on a regular basis and lead a group of awesome girls. Could you lead these girls this fall for four Sundays a month? Could you lead them two to three Sundays a month? Please send me an email (chughes@mpbconline.org) if you are interested and put “I’m In!” as the subject header.

By Ryan LaPrade
Charlotte Pride Week runs August 9-16, with exciting events and activities culminating with the Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade, August 15-16. The week includes nightlife and social events, educational events, arts activities and civic diversity of the Charlotte-Metro area’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) communities.

On August 9 there will be a Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service at Caldwell Presbyterian Church (1609 E. 5th Street) from 4:00-6:00pm.

MPBC will host a vendor booth August 15 and 16 and we are looking for volunteers to participate at the booth. If you can commit to 1.5 hours, please reach out. Nothing overly formal, just have a smile, be welcoming and pass out information about our Church community to those interested. Come one, come all.

If you would like to participate, go to the Church website (www.mpbconline.org) and search “Charlotte Pride 2015” for the link to sign up for a time slot at the booth.

Email ralaprade@gmail.com if you have any questions.

By Cheri Lindblom
I am excited to share with you some of the ways our members and groups have found to reach out in our community:

• Missionary Round Table donated $100 to purchase books for the Freedom School Book Drive.
• The Men’s Group supported the Youth Mission Trip to Washington, D.C. with a $100 donation.
• Barbara Mishoe watched the The Cornwall Center's Freedom School Book Drive table overflow with books, and suggested another way for us to serve our community. She had the brilliant idea to send some of the books to Briar Creek Road Baptist Church to help rebuild their library after the June 24th fire. Thank you, Barbara - what a wonderful way to support a sister congregation.
• 2014 Outreach Surplus Fund Update: MPBC partnered with Myers Park Presbyterian, Myers Park United Methodist and Christ Church Charlotte to help Hope Haven purchase a nearly new delivery van. All four churches utilize the Hope Haven laundry service for their RITI laundry. This was an opportunity for a “neighborhood” of churches to come together to help Hope Haven. All four churches share a common bond in serving the RITI ministry, and are all blessed by the service Hope Haven provides us in our RITI efforts.
• 2015 Outreach Surplus Fund Update: MPBC Newsletter August 2015

Family Promise Update

By Cheri Lindblom
Thank you to everyone who volunteered to host newly homeless families at Elizabeth House (part of Charlotte Family Housing, formerly “Family Promise”) July 19-23. Our next week to host will be December 13-17, 2015. Volunteers are needed to provide dinner three nights and serve as overnight hosts five nights. For more information, contact Cindy Clemens at cclemens@charlottencc.gov or 704.622.3175.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO CINDY CLEMENS for leading our congregation as we serve these families in transition.

By Cheri Lindblom

Cindy Clemens

MPBC Reaches Out

By Cheri Lindblom

We were down to the wire, but we ended up exceeding our goal of 2,015 boxes of cereal! Thanks to everyone’s generous contributions, MPBC collected 3,331 boxes of cereal for the Cereal For The City Drive.

A very special thanks to Jenny Lou Wright for her leadership.
Where has the summer gone?

By Cheri Lindblom

By the time you receive this newsletter, the summer of Pinewood Freedom School 2015 will have come to a close. Starting on June 17th, MPBC members were generous in sharing themselves and their gifts with our Freedom School Scholars. Setting up and breaking down the classrooms, assisting college interns, chaperoning field trips, bringing the scholars to The Cornwell Center for an afternoon of cardio fun and smoothie making (they actually voted the kale smoothie the best), parent meetings, field days -- the list goes on.

However, the most loved and supported volunteer opportunity was D.E.A.R. Lunch Buddy Reader. Not only did you regularly share yourselves over lunch, reading to our scholars, you also filled their bookshelves with over 400 books with our Freedom School Book Drive. FOUR HUNDRED!

Two years ago, MPBC started dreaming of partnering with Freedom Schools. And here we are today at the end of our second year of partnership. We have truly made Freedom School part of our MPBC story.

Speaking of stories and comments, here are a few comments from our Freedom School Pinewood staff:

“Special shout out to Debbie and Katherine who helped with the Parent Meeting last night! We had some challenges which forced us to squeeze our two hour session into 30 minutes. Having their assistance lifted so much stress from our team! They are ROCK STARS!”
~ Madison Sampson, Pinewood Site Coordinator

“I just wanted to let you know how much fun our scholars had at The Cornwell Center and making the smoothies. One of my scholars was crying on the bus and when I asked what was wrong, she said ‘I already miss C.J., I wish she could come to be with me everyday.’”
(C.J. = Claudia Jennings).
~ Katie Starr, Freedom School College Intern

I want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone.

Photos from Freedom School 2015: Middle Schoolers practiced acts of kindness and Kindergartners enjoyed the Cornwell Center Gym and making smoothies.
500 Additional Books for Pinewood Elementary

By Hal Markowitz

Literacy is a global problem; the solutions are local.

Susan Aldrich’s recent fundraiser for One Library at a Time featured a drawing for 500 books to be presented to any U.S. school of the winner’s choice. One Library at a Time is an international literacy program which establishes libraries in developing countries as well as in the United States. Ann McDermott, the lucky winner of the drawing, decided to donate the books to Freedom School at Charlotte’s Pinewood Elementary, where they filled a need in the summer reading activity. The books now will be placed in individual classrooms.

Better World Books is an online for-profit bookseller of used and new books. More than just a bookseller, the company’s outreach program includes world-wide distribution of literacy-building books as a part of its outreach program. That effort proved a perfect companion for Aldrich’s One Library at a Time literacy project, seeking to provide children living in poverty with books they would otherwise never have. When it came to choosing a worthy recipient of all those books, McDermott was drawn to Pinewood as a result of Myers Park Baptist Church's Freedom School and ongoing partnership with the Elementary School.

Freedom Schools are a project of the Children’s Defense Fund, providing summer literacy and enrichment programs in cooperation with schools and organizations.

Lee Strait, Pinewood School’s Literacy Coordinator, cited “both immediate and continuing use” of the needed reading books. Initial use in the Pinewood Freedom School project, one of several in Charlotte area schools, includes giving books to students to take home and keep — sometimes the only books those children have. Strait’s plan is for remaining books to be used in classroom libraries after Freedom School ends.

Freedom School continues...

By Cheri Lindblom

Freedom School may be over for the summer, however, there are opportunities to continue as a mentor and reader with Pinewood Elementary scholars throughout the year. How can you be involved? Continue as a Reading Buddy with a Pinewood student! It’s as easy as D.E.A.R. Lunch Buddy Readers. Continue the relationship with the children you read to this summer, or start a new relationship with a student who needs you.

Interested? Please contact Laura Handler, laurak.handler@gmail.com.
Alternative Worship

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We are planning to ease into several short periods of silence and stillness interspersed with music, a sermon by Bill Leonard, the offering, and an introduction to the ancient Christian way of reflecting on scripture called *lectio divina* (divine reading).

Hope to see you here on August 23.

August 30 Worship Service

By Chrissy Williamson

On Sunday, August 30 at 10:00am, we will gather together for worship in Heaton Hall. The service will be unlike any that we have experienced at Myers Park Baptist in quite some time. Our music will be upbeat, led by musicians from Covenant Presbyterian Church. The sermon, by Rabbi Judy Schindler, will be followed by a time of conversation focusing on themes from the sermon and scripture. The service will include creative opportunities for all of us to engage in worship together.

Join us with open hearts on August 30.

~ Music Together Mom

By Fran Morrison

Music Together® is an international early childhood music and movement program for children from birth through age 7 - and the grownups who love them. (MPBC offers mixed-age family classes for children from birth - Transitional Kindergarten).

First offered to the public in 1987, Music Together® pioneered the concept of a research-based, developmentally appropriate early childhood music curriculum that strongly emphasizes and facilitates adult involvement.

Children learn music by seeing people they love model how to be active music-makers. And, in turn, the adults become more and more adept at interacting with their kids in musical ways. By modeling musical behaviors, you become your child’s most important music teacher. That is why we call it Music Together: *the Together is You*.

Parents discover it is a lot easier than they think to become a music-making family. Regardless of your own musical ability, just by singing along, dancing along, or joining your child in instrument play, you are helping him/her gain the desire to be a music-maker. And somewhere along the way, you’re likely to discover or reclaim your inner music-maker, too!

MPBC offers these MT classes to its Church members:

- Mondays, 45 minute class, mixed-age family class: 4:00 - 4:45pm
- Mondays, 45 minute class, mixed-age family class: 5:15 - 6:00pm

The Fall session class begins on Monday, September 21 and will run for eight weeks.

Registration and online payment opens for all MPBC families on the Church website on August 1, on a first come, first served basis.

If you have questions, please email fmorrison@mpbconline.org, or call 704.334.7232 x 17.

Live Video Streaming of MPBC Services Now Available on Smartphones and Tablets

By John Bambach

As of July 19th, our Sunday video web stream can be received on both Windows and Apple computers as well as iOS (iPad/iPhone) and Android devices. Just go to www.mpbconline.org, and scroll to the bottom of any page. Look on the right side, click on the LIVE WEBCASTS link and follow the brief instructions. PC’s will need to have a current version of Flash installed. Apple and Android devices should work without any additional software. The link only works during services, so, if you get a “Loading...” message without any video, it’s because we aren’t currently online. Try it out. Let us know how it works for you.
NEW Web Site

When you go to www.cornwellcenter.org you’ll see a wonderful new resource: more modern, more device-friendly, sporting a new look with easier access to what you want to know... and what you haven’t yet discovered! As orientation, the images on this page are the same as those welcoming you to each section of this new design.

Take a look. Explore a bit. We look forward to your feedback.

While you’re there, make sure to sign up for our upcoming, startup event…

Splash & Dash

Our annual community festival this year features a combined swim-run event. A collaboration of The Cornwell Center and Queens University, it’s for athletes of all levels. Starting at the Levine Center pool, the swim portion transitions to running through the scenic, tree-lined route affectionately known as the “booty loop.”

You can register for just the run, if you prefer, and be part of our 10th Annual 5K Road Race. Relay teams are welcome.

We’ll also host a Kids 1k foot Race. As always we’ll have an array of great activities for all members of the family.

Proceeds benefit the Levine Hospital Hematology and Oncology clinic.

See more about this wonderful community event, and register, on our home page.

- Splash & Dash Aquathlon and 5k
  Saturday, Sept 12, 2015
  Online registration is underway.

Children and Youth

Here you’ll find information about all our services for young people including our highly regarded After School Program. Reserve time with our helpful Parents Morning Out and Childcare services. Register for Basketball activities, leagues and clinics... or any of our Camps, such as:

- **August 3-7**
  Tiny Tots Sports III (3-5 yrs)
  Move and Groove I (2-5 yrs)
  La Isla del Tesoro (3-10 yrs)
  Cocinando – Cooking (6-11 yrs)
  Race to the Future Robotics (8-11 yrs)
  Lego Design and Programming (8-11 yrs)

- **August 10-14**
  Tiny Tots Camp Cornwell II (3-5 yrs)
  Musical Movers II (2-5 yrs)
  En el Pais de las Hadas – Land of Fairies (3-10 yrs)
  Viaje al Espacio – Outer Space (6-11 yrs)
  Create Video Games w/ Kodu (8-11 yrs)
  Hack a Banana, Make a Keyboard!
  and Engineering with Legos (8-11 yrs)
  “Down Dog” Kids Yoga, Aug 10-13 (4-7 yrs)

- **August 17-21**
  Tiny Tots Sports IV (3-5 yrs)
  Move and Groove II (2-5 yrs)
  Deportes Locos – Wacky Sports (3-10 yrs)

Fitness

Our popular Group Exercise programs are featured including the always-current GE Schedule. Bios of our certified trainers and related info are in the Personal Training section. Find out about our Fitness Orientation and Massage services here, as well.

NEW, is our Integrated Health Coaching by Duke IM trained coaches Jenny Yopp and Nancy Nicholson.

Art & Design

Kids create fun, joyful expressions from still life and landscape paintings of the environment around our campus.

- **Cornwell Studio Painting Art**
  August 3-7, 9-12:30p (6-11 yrs.)

Form objects of tactile joy, taking inspiration from a different theme in nature each session. Wear play clothes - we get dirty.

- **Cornwell Studio Clay Kids IV**
  August 10-14, 9-12:30p (6-11 yrs.)

Your budding artist brings drawing, painting, cutting and gluing into one frame.

- **Cornwell Studio Mixed Media**
  August 17-21, 9-12:30p (6-11 yrs.)

Learning, Technology, etc.

Meeting monthly since 2006, our active Photo group now has its own page on the Cornwell site, with a link to Photo Connections on Facebook...

www.facebook.com/PhotoSIG...lower on that page. View our galleries, share your thoughts, explore upcoming assignments.

- **PHOTO Connections w/John Bambach**
  Third Wednesdays, 7-9p

Reminder:

At the Cornwell Center, children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. If a parent is in class their children under 12 must be signed in to childcare. Thanks.

Summer Hours

Mon-Thu, 5:30a-8p, Fri, 5:30a-5p
Sat, 7:30a-4p, Sun, 11a-4p
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