By Carrie Veal

Water. We take for granted that when we turn on the faucet, water will come out and it will be clean. Most of us cannot imagine walking miles for water. We cannot imagine the physical, mental, and emotional strength that it takes to provide a basic life necessity for our family.

Over twenty years ago, two South African farmers created the Hippo Water Roller. This rolling barrel allows 24 gallons of water to be transported at a time. This is life changing for families!

This year our VBS participants will raise money for 2 Hippo Rollers to be sent to Malawi. You are invited to give to this offering. On Sunday, August 7, our Loose Plate offering (all money that is non-designated) will be given to purchase Hippo Rollers. You may also give through myMPBC. In the list please choose VBS. For more information, please contact me at cveal@mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x118.

By Chrissy Williamson

If there was ever a time to show up for our sisters and brothers who are LGBTQ, that time is now! With the passage of hateful and discriminatory legislation, the mass murder in Orlando, and the every day bullying of people with different sexual and gender identities, we must gather together in love, welcome, and affirmation of all people. That is what PRIDE is about. That is why this year is the year to pay up and show up for Charlotte PRIDE. What do we mean by “Pay Up” and “Show Up?” Pay Up simply means donate to the cause. Give financially to Charlotte PRIDE, which seeks to enrich, empower, strengthen, and make visible the unique lives and experiences of LGBTQ people in Charlotte, in the Carolinas, and beyond. Show Up means to be present at the Festival, worship services, fundraiser(s), and/or other events leading up to PRIDE week.

Pay Up:
• Mail your donation to the Church at 1900 Queens Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207
• Give online at www.mpbconline.org
• Give on your smart phone using the Church Life app
• Buy a 2016 MPBC Pride T-Shirt (All proceeds from t-shirt sales go to our PRIDE contribution. Contact Anne Clarke at aclarke@mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x115, to order your shirt.)

Show Up:
• Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service - Sunday, August 14, 4:00–5:00pm, at First United Methodist, 501 N. Tryon St.
• Gathering at Birdsong Brewing Co. - Thursday, August 18, on North Davidson St. Sponsored by MPBC, hosted by Birdsong. Come out to enjoy a cold beverage in the fellowship of friends. $1 of every pint sold between 6:00 and 8:00pm goes to MPBC’s donation toward Charlotte PRIDE.
• Charlotte PRIDE Festival - August 20 and 21. MPBC will host a vendor booth at this year’s PRIDE Festival. Volunteers work 1.5 hour shifts smiling, welcoming, and sharing information about our Church to anyone who visits our booth. We need your help sharing the good news of MPBC at Charlotte PRIDE. Sign up through the Church website, www.mpbconline.org. Questions? Contact Ryan LaPrade at ralaprade@gmail.com.
• Worship at MPBC - August 21, 10:00am in the Sanctuary. Gather with us in our Sanctuary as we celebrate the culmination of PRIDE week, 2016.
Thinking Intentionally about Politics in Light of the Kingdom

By Ben Boswell

On August 28, our guest proclaimer will be Reverend Kris Norris. Kris and I were in seminary together at Duke Divinity School. After graduating from Duke, Kris went on to the University of Virginia and has partnered with fellow classmate Sam Speers to write the book *Kingdom Politics: In Search of a New Political Imagination for Today’s Church.* In the book, Kris and Sam set out to expand the traditionally narrow understanding of politics in the American church.

In order to discover what politics looks like today in the church, Kris and Sam visited five congregations around the country to investigate how each congregation practiced politics. They began their research with the assumption that politics is part of the problem with the contemporary American church, whether congregations engage in political advocacy or avoid politics in every possible way. By the time they had finished writing, the authors changed their minds. They came to realize that politics is wider and deeper than the two-party system and should be rooted in the kingdom of God.

On their two-year, five-church tour, Kris and Sam focused on leadership structure, missions, and practices of worship so they could provide readers with snapshots of each congregation’s politics as known through its practices. They visited the 20,000-member “purpose-driven” Saddleback Church in Southern California, which is committed to the “missionhood of believers” and to the idea that the local church can change the world. Next they visited the mainline First and Franklin Presbyterian Church in downtown Baltimore, which has been involved in progressive and social justice causes — including LGBT issues — since 1980.

Their next stop was Solomon’s Porch in Minneapolis, a congregation founded early in the emergent church movement, which identifies itself as a postmodern “band of misfits.” The authors’ next site was Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana, a small, well-educated congregation situated near a Mennonite seminary and just down the highway from Goshen College. Finally, the authors visited Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, “America’s Freedom Church” and the home congregation of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Through their research, Kris and Sam came to the conclusion that the Church is at a high risk of being co-opted by the right or the left, Republicans or Democrats, and of losing our identity as the church of Jesus Christ. To rediscover a Kingdom-centered political vision, they argue, the Church needs to be aware of how political it already is and how politically formative are its practices of worship, decision-making, missions, and ministry.

In several places the authors ask how much we bring our pre-formed politics into church and how much the church transforms us into disciples of Jesus with a Jesus kind of politics. Kris and Sam say that the key question is “Where does your allegiance lie?” Is your allegiance to a particular cause, party, or nation, or is it to God and God’s kingdom? They conclude: “If a church practice is motivated by allegiance to Christ and aligned with the objectives of the kingdom, the question of whether the church is using partisan political channels becomes secondary.”

Kris and Sam argue that true “kingdom politics” are seen not just in acts of flag-waving or advocacy, but in the ordinary practices that help to form a congregation’s loves and desires. For instance, how a church community greets one another on a Sunday morning, what a church meeting looks like and how it’s conducted, how communion and baptism are celebrated, and what mission endeavors the church is involved in—all are political. These ordinary practices shape the congregation’s common life together as well as our understanding of how we love each other and how we seek to be ministers of reconciliation in the world.

My summary of *Kingdom Politics* is that the authors seek to help us discover the ways that the church is already a political organization that is impacting the world simply by being the church. The only problem is that the church is easily swept up into the cultural captivity of imperialism, colonialism, racism, nationalism, capitalism, and other ideological movements without even knowing it. Therefore it is crucial that we work together to critically examine all of our practices and rituals as a church in light of Jesus’ vision of the kingdom of God. If we do that, then we will be intentionally political, as a community of faith, in the way that helps the kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

In the midst of this crazy presidential election season, it is important for us, as Christians, to spend some serious time reflecting about what it means for us to be political. It is my hope that Kris and Sam will help us not only reflect on politics but begin thinking intentionally about our political practices as a church in light of the kingdom of God. I am looking forward to hearing directly from these two authors during their time with us during the 9 o’clock Sunday school hour, worship, and in TalkBack. I hope you will make plans to be there for this special opportunity.

9:00    Session on *Kingdom Politics* - Sam Speers and Kris Norris
10:00   Worship: Guest proclaimer, Rev. Kris Norris
11:00   TalkBack – Sam Speers and Kris Norris
**August Worship Schedule**

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Plan to join us for worship this summer!

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**August Loose Plate Offering Recipient**

**By Cheri Lindblom**

The Loose Plate offering for August provides support to McCreesh Place. McCreesh Place is a permanent, supportive home for residents transitioning out of homelessness. Residents of McCreesh Place may rent indefinitely, while gaining stability in their lives. For more information, please visit www.supportivehousingcommunities.org.

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**Where There’s A Dream, There’s A Way**

**By Carol Reid Fricke, Chair, Strategic Planning Council**

Have you heard Ben preach this summer; or read his sermons while resting in the cool ocean breezes? If so, you may agree with me that God has sent us a wise, energetic prophet as our Senior Minister. Now it is time for us to catch and ride the wave of prophecy and dreams God is sending our way! Now we must pray, listen and discern God’s plan for our next years of life together.

Your elected leadership is beginning this journey. The Strategic Planning Council and Board of Deacons are laying the groundwork to develop a strategic plan that will move us into the next decade. We have challenging work before us, work that justifies every ounce of energy and commitment we can put into it. We seek a moral challenge that is in the tradition of our predecessors.

Soon you will be engaged in small groups to share creative ideas as we collect research. We ask you to begin considering, “what exactly are the tasks that are worth devoting the energies of our Church to?” We will spend a church year becoming inspired, traveling to a shared vision of our future, designing a path of fearless goals and strategies that take us fruitfully into the 21st century.

Are our dreams for the future bigger than those of the past? If not, then our best is always behind us! With respect for all our voices and history, we hope to challenge and broaden our thinking, question assumptions and habits, and welcome innovation that builds on our legacy. Where there’s a dream, there’s a way! We look forward to taking this journey with you.

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**Finance Report**

**Year-to-Date**

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**Congregational Joys and Concerns**

*(as of July 15, 2016)*

**BIRTHS — CONGRATULATIONS**

- Randy and Cherri Franklin on the birth of their grandson, Noah Michael Clark, on June 20, 2016, in Matthews, NC.
- Steve and Brooke Cornwell on the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Brooke Brackett Cornwell, on July 7, 2016, in Charlotte, NC.
- Sacha Barlow on the birth of her daughter, Tigerlily Sage Olivia Kemp Barlow, on July 10, 2016 in Charlotte, NC.

**WEDDINGS — CONGRATULATIONS**

- John Travieso and Nicole Jean Ochalek on their wedding on June 18, 2016, in Charlotte, NC.

**DEATHS — LOVE AND SYMPATHY**

- Rob and Anne Clarke on the death of Rob’s father, Leroy Franklin Clarke, on June 13, 2016, in Warsaw, VA.
- Ernie and Nancy Rider on the death of Ernie’s sister-in-law, Doris Rider, on June 17, 2016, in Morgantown, WV.
- John Hewett on the death of John’s father, Warren Hewett, on June 29, 2016, in St. Augustine, FL.
- Robert Shore and Brian Caldwell on the death of Robert’s father on July 7, 2016, in Yadkinville, NC.
- The family of Lorraine Shell on her death on July 9, 2016, in Charlotte, NC.
- Susan Salvin on the death of her brother, Tom Robinson, July 12, 2016 in Elberton, GA.
- Lisa Trainham Auten Dahlgren on the death of her father, Reverend W. Emory Trainham, Jr, on July 14, 2016 in Emerald Isle, NC.
**Community Life**

**Your Vote Matters**

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**Summertime Pancakes and Fellowship**

**By Carol Pearsall**

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday mornings this summer was an interesting taste test along with being a time of fellowship and a great opportunity to meet church members you may not have known.

We tasted delicious gluten free pancakes, specially made by Max Parker. Saxby Chaplin prepared yummy cornmeal buttermilk pancake batter, from a recipe that was passed along to us by Debby Love. Saxby added an assortment of pancake surprises such as blueberries, strawberries or bananas and sometimes even sausage or bacon. Joel Houston and Julie Barfield flipped pancakes to golden perfection. Members of the Ministry of Property and Grounds and the Ministry of Congregational Care whipped up a lot of especially delicious breakfast surprises! We enjoyed a Southern Living recipe of fluffy ricotta pancakes. Mary Lou Buck cooked up some delightful whole wheat pancakes to go along with her fabulous granola that she shared each week, along with yogurt and fresh fruit. And Mr. Porter Merrill, chef extraordinaire, prepared his special yummy pancake recipe.

Sunday mornings this summer at MPBC turned out to be a pancake extravaganza! A big thank you to all who contributed and also to those who came and enjoyed this time of fellowship.

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**Souls to the Polls:**

**A Call for Faith Ambassadors**

**By Chrissy Williamson**

The NAACP and Democracy NC are partnering together to help increase voter engagement in the upcoming national election. Due to new voting laws and regulations, many citizens are not registered to vote and do not believe that their vote counts. In light of low voter turnout, the NAACP and Democracy NC have started a movement called “Souls to the Polls.” They are asking churches to:

1. Make sure members are registered to vote and
2. Invite church members to help educate others about registering and voting.

Faith Ambassadors are volunteers from churches who offer to help with this effort to increase voter registration and participation. Don’t know much about voter registration laws and protocols? No problem! NAACP and Democracy NC are hosting a Faith Ambassador Training on August 6 from 10am until noon. Contact Mel Hartsell (mel@democracy-nc.org) for more information or to register for the training.

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**Our July Guest Preachers Excelled at TalkBack**

**By Chrissy Williamson**

Maria Swearingen - July 3, 2016


Their sermons are available on the Church website, www.mpbconline.org (under the “Worship” tab). They are also available on iTunes.

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Myers Park Baptist Church
Jesus the Christ in the 21st Century Presents:

Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers
October 7-9, 2016

By Chrissy Williamson

This October, MPBC welcomes Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers as our Jesus in the 21st Century (J21) Scholar. Meyers is a nationally and internationally known author, professor, and active parish minister/preacher. Dr. Meyers has been the senior minister of Mayflower Congregational UCC Church in Oklahoma City for 30 years, the Distinguished Professor of Social Justice in the Philosophy Department at Oklahoma City for 25 years, and a fellow and member of the Board of Directors of the Westar Institute (home of the Jesus Seminar).

He is the best-selling author of seven books, including Saving Jesus from the Church and Spiritual Defiance. He is an advocate for peace and justice as the focus of faith, and the local church as a Beloved Community that is subversive for the cause of love.

During his time at MPBC, Meyers will lead us in discovery and conversations about the reunion of science and religion, engaging in spiritual defiance, and irresistible Christianity. Registration for this weekend event opens August 1. The schedule is as follows (please note the schedule is a little different than in previous years):

Friday, October 7, 7:00–8:30pm
Quantum Physics and the Future of God
Public Lecture with Q & A in the MPBC Sanctuary
Followed by a reception in Heaton Hall Foyer and a book signing in the Parlor.
No Registration Required.

Saturday, October 8, 9:00–11:00am
Spiritual Defiance: Building a Beloved Community of Resistance
Workshop in Heaton Hall, Continental Breakfast beginning at 8:30am
Registration Required, $45 (Registration is now open online at www.mpbconline.org or call Anne Clarke at 704.334.7232 x115.)

Saturday, October 8, 7:00-9:00pm
Head to Head: A Gathering for Younger Adults (45 and under) with Dr. Meyers
Local Restaurant, TBD
Registration Required (Register online at www.mpbconline.org or call Anne Clarke at 704.334.7232 x115.)
Cost: food and/or drink at restaurant

Sunday, October 9, 9:45–10:45am
Faith Forum: What Kind of Church Would You Find Irresistible?
Workshop in Heaton Hall
No Registration Required.

Sunday, October 9, 11:00am-Noon
Sermon: Things Aren’t the Same in Joppa These Days
Worship in the Sanctuary
Open to the public. No Registration Required.

How could Robin Meyers, a pastor, write these books?!!!
(Hmm, he must be interesting to talk to!)

Sign up for Oct.7-9’s “Jesus the Christ in the 21st Century” events at 704-334-7232, x115 or online at mpbconline.org

Connections Small Group Proposals
Fall 2016

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 Small Group online at www.mpbconline.org.
• Accepting proposals for fall Connections Small Groups August 1-30.
• Registration for fall groups will begin September 11.

Questions? Contact Anne Clarke at aclarke@mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x115.
If you see some youth around campus whose lives have been completely transformed, that’s because they’ve just returned from one of our youth summer trips. From June 26 - July 1, a group of youth and adults travelled to Greensboro, NC to stay at Greensboro College and be a part of Passport Choices. We joined with over 300 other youth from across the country. At Passport, we played and we had devotions, bible study, worship and lots of fun. We learned that our lives are wild and precious in God’s eyes and we asked ourselves what we could do with our one wild and precious life for God.

From July 10-16, another group of youth and adults travelled to the tiny Appalachian town of Allardt, TN to work with Appalachia Service Project. Their mission is to make homes warmer, safer, and drier in the Central Appalachian Region. For seven hours a day, we worked on two separate homes. One, a trailer home, needing insulation and new siding to reduce utility costs. The second needing new facia and soffits, as well as some foundation work. These youth worked long and hard, sharing the good news of God’s love in a very tangible way. We learned a lot about construction, the plight of poverty in Appalachia, and each other.

The Kingdom of God has drawn near – to each one of us and to the people we encountered. If you see one of the youth pictured here from one of our trips, be sure to ask them about their summer. I’m sure they will have some amazing things to share with you!
Faith Formation

Appalachia Service Project
We met our goal of 2,016 boxes of cereal! Thanks to everyone’s generous contributions, MPBC collected 2,098 boxes of cereal for the Cereal for the City Drive.

A very special thanks to Jenny Lou Wright for her passion, energy and leadership.

Galactic Fall Kick Off

Wednesday, September 7, 5:30–7:00pm

Save the date for this fun night! All families with children (infants – fifth grade) are invited! We will eat dinner and learn what’s to come for our children in the areas of faith formation and music. Children will have a magic show, too! Childcare will be provided after dinner for children four and younger. There is no cost for this event, but you are asked to RSVP so that we may determine how much food will be needed. For more information, please contact me at cveal@mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x118.

Will You Serve Beginning this September?

We are just a month away from getting back into the groove of our Church year. And that means it’s time to think about the impact you can have on our children’s faith formation. There are so many ways you can invest your time into their journeys. One of the best is to serve on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:45. Training, supplies, lessons and more are all provided. No need to reinvent the wheel! To learn more or to sign up, contact me at cveal@mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x118.

Family Pool Party

Sunday, August 14, 11:30am – 2:00pm

Bring the whole family to the Fair Meadows Pool for a wonderful afternoon! We will have lunch from Jason’s Deli at a cost of $10/family. Please RSVP on the Church website, www.mpbconline.org.

Passport Camp 2016

FAith Formation / Outreach   MPBC NewsLetter August 2016

Children’s Ministry News

By Carrie Veal

New Nursery Location

At the end of July our infants have a new space to call their own. On Sundays, families with children 8 weeks through walking will take their little ones to room 104. This is located on the hallway by the Roswell Ave. door. This is a wonderful change for our ministry and a beautiful space for our children to grow as they experience God’s love.

Social for Children’s Ministry Parents

Sunday, August 7, 4:00–6:30pm

Join us at the home of Richard and Tara Harris to meet with Ben and Katie Boswell for conversation and relationship building. Please RSVP through myMPBC. For more information, please contact me at cveal@mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x118.

Fall Kick Off

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"Show me the..."
Family Promise, Steve, and Ben

By Cher Lindblom

July 2016 marked MPBC’s eighth year of partnership with Charlotte Family Housing/Family Promise. And if my calculations are correct (give or take a few days), we have served our Family Promise neighbors a total of twelve weeks over the last eight years. That’s three months of feeding, hosting, and being in relationship with families transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing.

Last month, I had the opportunity to introduce our Senior Minister, Ben Boswell, to Stephen Smith, Executive Director of CFH, and tour Elizabeth House. They had never met before, but before I knew it, they were bonding over their obsession with the movie Jerry Maguire. According to Steve and Ben (as I listened to their rapid succession of quotes), the life lessons in Jerry Maguire are endless.

All this was not lost on me. I am an enthusiastic addict of relational spiritual movies. Top of my list: Calvary, Pan’s Labyrinth, Saint Ralph, and Antonia’s Line. Jerry Maguire - not so much.

The next week, I served as an overnight host at Elizabeth House. I kept hearing the voices of Ben and Steve as if they were still in the room. “Show me the money.” “Show me the money.”

As the night went on and I spent time with the family staying in the house, it came to me that the line should be “Show me the NEED.” See, I’m not sure if I ever saw the needs of my neighbors until I was mentored into seeing them. Looking at it from the outside doesn’t open the door.

There were many needs to be seen that night. Hosting was a need of the agency - it saved them $150 on staff costs. For our FP families it was, and is, having a place to live, a place to feel secure, a place to have dignity, a place to be family. How fortunate am I that my only need was to feel needed?

Hosting at Family Promise is a need. Hosting at Family Promise is a gift. Heed the words of Rich Fennell, MPBC congregant who fills the host need at Family Promise: "Hosting is a chance to help an amazing group of predominantly single moms who have worked hard to get their stuff together to find stable housing and the only job requirement is the ability to sleep? I can do that! I am good at that!"

Fall is just around the corner - a new start as we come back together after summer hiatus. However, the needs of our neighbors, don’t get to take summer vacation. As the lady sitting outside my grocery store painfully reminded me, "STILL here, STILL homeless."

My hope for all of us is this: “See the need; fill the need.” God calls us to service, far beyond anything we can imagine. Find a place to serve and see how your hands, feet, and heart can fill an empty space.

A special thanks to all the servers who filled the need during our Family Promise week, July 17-24. Thanks to Rich for stepping up to host. A special thanks to our leader, Cindy Clemens, who mentored me into seeing the needs of families living in transition. You are my ambassador of Kwan.

Freedom School Finale

By Cher Lindblom

Another summer of Pinewood Freedom School came to a close on Wednesday, July 27 with a Finale Celebration here at MPBC.

We started the six-week, literacy-based program on June 14, with MPBC youth setting up the classrooms. Our volunteers read with the scholars, assisted the college interns, chaperoned field trips, served as on-site activity leaders, volunteered for parent meetings, helped with field days, and then six weeks later -- the Finale. MPBC hosted the Finale in Heaton Hall. We joined together for lunch followed by a celebration with the scholars, their families, and the interns. Then we said farewell until June 2017.

Thank you to all of our Freedom School volunteers. Your presence made a true impact on our scholars. Just knowing that you would give an hour of your day makes a difference.

A special shout out to Andre Hairston, Ansley Melnick (with Bo and Cooper), and CJ Jennings, for making the "Pump-up with Cardio-Funk, Pump-down with Yoga," the scholars’ favorite afternoon activity. Check out the pictures of Andre, Ansley and all the scholars dancing, yoga-ing and having fun. There are more photos on the back cover.
**Music Together® of Charlotte Adds Location at MPBC**

By Fran Morrison

Did you know that all children are musical? Have you ever wondered what you can do to nurture the musical growth of your child, regardless of your own musical ability? Experience Music Together® and find out how important—and how fun—your role can be! Music Together® classes build on your child’s natural enthusiasm for music and movement. We’ll help you provide your child with the basic musical skills needed to enjoy school and social musical activities, and to study an instrument, should he or she choose to do so.

**FALL 2016 SCHEDULE:**
- September - November
  - Flute Collection

Classes at MPBC will be offered:
- Wednesdays at 4:30pm and
- Saturdays at 10:00am and 11:00am.

Myers Park Baptist Church families will be extended a tuition break.

Stay tuned - registration information will be available in August. For more information, please contact me at fmorrison@mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x 117.

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**We Welcome**

**Charlotte Judge, Associate Director of Music**

By Fran Morrison

The Music Ministry welcomes Charlotte Judge as Associate Director of Music. Charlotte comes to us from a similar associate music position at Providence United Methodist Church here in Charlotte. She has a long liturgical background in church music and is an experienced choral director, teacher, accompanist, and soloist. For nine years, she was an assistant director of children and youth for Charlotte Children’s Choir. She is a creative and collaborative worker and loves teaching and mentoring youth and children. She, and her husband, Jack, have two daughters, Lillie, 16 and Anna, 14. Charlotte’s first day will be August 8. Please plan to stop by anytime to meet her because she would love to begin meeting you.

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**Through-The-Week School News**

By Belinda Geuss

Through-the-Week School may not be in session this summer, but we have been very busy preparing for our new school year ahead. The most significant project has been the installation of doors between the Roswell hallway and Heaton Hall. These doors, and upgrades to other doors in the preschool area, are part of an effort to improve security during preschool hours. The upgrades were made possible with the cooperation and collaborative financial support of the Church.

Another exciting project has been the improvement of the two-year-old’s playground. Total resurfacing and new play equipment will hopefully be installed before school begins in September.

September 6 will be here before we know it and we will begin another great year at TTWS!
**Cornwell 5K, Aquathlon and Family Festival**

They’re coming September 10; save the date! Pick the event that’s right for you.

As always, our annual **Family Festival** is free and open to all – participants, spectators and the general public.

If you’re up for the challenge of the **Aquathlon**, you’ll swim eight laps in the Queens University pool, run/walk the **5K** along our beautiful Myers Park streets, and finish up at the Family Festival on the Cornwell Center lawn.

If you like, you can also register to walk or run the **5K** by itself. You’ll have plenty of company.

All proceeds benefit the Levine Cancer Institute in honor of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month and two Cornwell families whose children, Libby Jones and Drew Slocum, lost their battles with leukemia two years ago.

Come be part of it all. More info is available on our web site: www.cornwellcenter.org.

- **5K, Aquathlon and Family Festival**
  - Saturday, SEP. 10

**Group Exercise**

Members and guests of the Cornwell Center are enjoying the new studio renovations and locations that opened in July.

Now on the main level of the building, Spin enthusiasts are reenergized in the spacious, airy new **Cadence** studio.

The new group exercise studio—renamed the **Skye Studio**—is a large open space with new flooring, lots of mirrors, windows and barres. It’s ideal for yogis, mat Pilates lovers, Silver Sneakers, barre fans, and zen seekers in Meditation class.

Group Fitness Coordinator, PJ Isaac, is developing new “Pop Up” exploratory classes for the Fall: Zumba, Cardio and Dance, Interval Training, and of course, more Spin classes. Look for more information on our website and newsletters about additional offerings, times and days.

**CLASS UPDATE!** The pop-up meditation class with Jeff Shoaf that began in May will become a permanent offering on Monday mornings from 10:45 – 11:40 a.m. Thanks to all our members who have tried the class and provided input. Welcome Jeff!

Jeff is also featured in one of our two, upcoming SPECIAL YOGA WORKSHOPS on Saturday, September 24. Each is $35, $25 for Cornwell members.

- **Body Alignment**, w/Jeff Shoaf
  - 9:30–11a.

- **Yoga Therapy**, w/Sybil Nance, of Sukha Yoga Therapy, 1–3p.

**Children and Youth**

The Cornwell **Summer Camps** are in session through the week of August 22–26. Openings are available in all camps including **Tiny Tots Sports, Musical Movers, Race to the Future Robotics**, and our **Art Camps** (below). Register online at: www.cornwellcenter.org.

Parents Morning Out fills up quickly the week of Aug. 29 thru Sept. 2, so sign up early to reserve your space. For reservations, email Chandi Dunn at: cornwellchildcare@mpbconline.org.

**Art**

Camps for kids with a creative muse:

- **August 8—12**
  - **Studio Landscape Paint: Session 2**
    - 9a–12:30p
  - **Studio Clay Play: Session 5**
    - 9a–12:30p
  - **Expressive Teen Paint: Session 1**
    - 1–4:30p

- **August 15—19**
  - **Studio Clay Play: Session 6**
    - 9a–12:30p
  - **Expressive Teen Paint: Session 2**
    - 1–4:30p

- **August 22—26**
  - **Studio Clay Kids: Session 4**
    - 9a–12:30p

**LiveWell Cornwell**

Whether you’re a casual smartphone shooter or SLR-toting practitioner, you’ll get something of value from our active **Photo group**. The August assignment is “Skin Art” which should still be much in evidence during the end of summer.

We’re about the basics of good photography - composition, color, and light - regardless of your equipment or experience. See this group’s Facebook page for future assignments, and galleries.

**Photo Connections** w/John Bambach
- Third Wednesdays, 7–9p
  - www.facebook.com/PhotoSIG

Ted Lucas’ **Family Connections** genealogy group returns at 6:30p, September 13, and subsequent second-Tuesdays.

**Et cetera**

**Free month for new church members.**
Here’s an opportunity for individuals and families to experience us first hand. Try a few classes, workout in the gym, or take some laps around our airy track at the speed of your choice.

Have kids? We have excellent childcare for parents who want to work out and still have their little ones close by. Older kids get a special room for listening to music, working on personal technology (with approval) and playing games. There’s also our popular **Parents’ Morning Out** program that gives parents some time for errands or social time. Details are on our website, or stop our Welcome Desk. We look forward to your visit!

**Holiday Closing** – The Cornwell Center will be closed for Labor Day, September 5.

**Cornwell hours of operation** - we return to our regular schedule beginning September 6:
- **MON-THU**: 5:30a–9p
- **FRI**: 5:30a–7p
- **SAT**: 7:30a–5p
- **SUN**: Noon–5p

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