Messenger



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Memorial Tribute

By Kenneth Kovacs (from July 26, 2020)

his has been a tough time for us as a congregation. We lost a dear friend of the church, colleague and staff member, our organist, Doug Heist, who died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 19, 2020. He was 68 years old. We have had our first service without Doug at either the organ console or, like a previous week, at the piano bench. Our hearts are heavy, and we feel his absence here in the sanctuary.

Doug joined the church staff in May 2008. He came to us with a lot of experience working in the church. Doug loved this congregation and loved serving here. As organist, Doug worked with Greg and with the choir. Doug coordinated our children's music ministry by directing the children's choir and youth choir. Prior to joining Catonsville Presbyterian, he was choir director and organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, Maryland. When he wasn't at the church, Doug was a piano instructor at the Peabody Preparatory School and at McDonogh School. He earned a Bachelor of Music from Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, and a Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Art, from Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. Doug was a gifted, beloved teacher. He loved to teach piano and organ, he also loved to teach people to sing.

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Doug enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid hiker. Vacations were often spent going on long mountain hikes, which fed his soul.

Doug had a deep faith. Being a musician was not a job, it was a calling. It was how he served the Lord with the gifts and passions given to him. He put a lot of thought into the preludes and postludes he selected every week. He felt things deeply. He sang along with the hymns as he played, he paid attention to the words of the hymns and matched the emotional tone of a verse or entire hymn with how he played the organ or piano. We're grateful for the amazing organ recital he offered here last December.

His death has hit the church very hard, especially the choir and the staff, and Greg in particular, who worked the closest with Doug. We're grateful, I'm grateful for our work together over these twelve years, for the ministry, all those worship services that we shared.

For the rest of the summer we will use only

piano in worship. The organ will remain silent in honor of Doug. We have placed flowers on the organ console/bench.

We pray for his brother Dwight, his dear friend Jen, family, students, friends near and far.

There is an obituary in the Baltimore Sun. Cards and remembrances may be sent to Dwight (his address is in the obituary) or you can mail them to the church, and we will forward them to Dwight. Gifts in Doug's memory may be given to the CPC Memorial Fund.

The next hymn celebrates the gift of music, music as a grace, an instrument of grace and praise and thanksgiving and we offer it to God with thanks for Doug, for his ministry here at CPC and for his friendship. "Lord, we bring our gift of music; touch our lips and fire our hearts. Teach our minds and train our senses; fit us for these sacred arts. Then with skill and consecration we would serve you, Lord, and give all our powers to glorify you, and in serving fully live."

Face Mask Program Help is Needed

By Glenda K. Johnson, Mission Committee

Have you signed up yet to assist the Mission Committee with its "Face Mask" program? Your help is needed to provide LWR (Lutheran World Relief) with face masks for its fall shipment of Personal Care Kits. Since our assembly of these kits was postponed for this past spring, we agreed to help provide face masks as our donation. Churches and groups across the country are helping LWR meet their goal. The time is getting closer—will you provide 5, 10, or 25 adult-sized face masks for this project? Several people have signed up through the church website (Face Mask Challenge Event), but we invite you to sign up. We may need to be in touch with you and we certainly don't want to miss receiving your donation. You can use elastic or ties on your masks. Package your donation of masks in a ziplock bag (in batches of 25). If you have less than 25, just put a note with the number enclosed in your ziplock bag of masks.

Collection Information

There will be collections on Saturday, August 15 and 29 at the Knights of Columbus food drop-off program 8-10 a.m. Look for Peggy Carr, Mission Committee member.

There will also be collections on Sunday, September 6 and 13 at CPC in the small parking lot, outside Fellowship Hall, time TBD. Mission Committee members will deliver all masks to the LWR-IMA World Health warehouse in New Windsor prior to the October 1 deadline. Thank you for your help!



Outdoor Vespers on August 18

Our second Summer Outdoor Vespers Tuesday evening

The service will take place in The Meadow in the Woodland Sanctuary. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and follow the path leading from either Summit Avenue or the Frederick Road parking lot. Ushers will be available to help direct you to the location. Plan to arrive between 6:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. The service will last about thirty minutes.

- No access to church buildings or restrooms.
- Bring bug spray.
- No touch service. No bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, or folding chairs will be provided.
- No contact between unrelated congregants;
- Minimum of six feet physical distancing and mask required outside cars.

Please do not come if any items below apply:

If you and/or others in your home are immuno compromised; if you and/or others in your home have flulike or cold symptoms; if you and/or others in your home have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past two weeks; if you and/or others in your home are unwilling to wear a mask and to observe social distancing at the service; if you and/others in your home have concerns or worries about risks to your health or well-being—or for any other compelling reasons—then stay safe at home!



Guest Preacher on August 23

Please Welcome Rick Santos

We look forward to welcoming a long-time friend of the congregation, Rick Santos, on Sunday, August 23, 2020. Rick was the President and CEO of IMA World Health from 2009 to the end of 2018. Many of us have had the privilege of seeing Rick at the church in adult education presentations, delivering sermons and Minute for Missions in the worship service, and as part of our Safe Motherhood Kit workdays.

Rick has a life-long commitment to building and prioritizing robust and sustainable local and regional partnerships with communities, organizations and networks, which he believes are the key ingredients to successful and sustainable relief and development work.

He has a decade of field experience in Asia and has spent 23 years working in the international relief and development sector. Rick has significant experience overseeing and managing projects and organizations in health, livelihoods, nutrition and emergency response sectors.

Welcome back, Rick!



Youth and Family Fall Plans

By Debby Shumaker, C.E. Committee

Your Christian Education Committee has been diligently meeting and working very hard this summer with the focus on our youth and families. While looking toward the fall, the conversation continues to be what we as a church can be and do for you, how we can keep you connected and supported, how we can help nurture your children to continue to grow in God's love. We have been in prayer, in thought, in discernment for how best to serve you as leaders of our faith community as we head into the new school year. We are planning on coordinating a Zoom gathering for parents in September after you find a routine and feel like you can take a breath. Because of today's stresses and anxieties imposed by the pandemic, our intention at this virtual meeting will be to listen carefully to what you and your needs are emotionally and spiritually. Before then, however, we would love to hear any of your thoughts, concerns, requests, information you have gleaned that would enhance our conversation. Please email them to Debby Shumaker at <u>debbyshumaker@gmail.com</u>.

We rejoice in this challenge as it is pushing us to discover and delve into creative options we might not have otherwise considered. We continue to remain grateful that we are not alone in this even when we feel isolated or separated understanding that the Spirit remains our constant companion. Praise be to God!

Dismantling Racism

30 Day Challenge Check-In

On behalf of CPC's Dismantling Racism Subcommittee, thanks to all who have taken up the challenge to learn, grow, and act to help dismantle racism by participating in our 30 day challenge. We're at the midpoint of that challenge now, and we hope that you have found the suggested activities and actions thought provoking and empowering.

If you haven't participated in the challenge yet, or maybe missed some days, please don't let that stop you from joining in for the second half of the challenge or even going back and checking out some of the resources and activities from the first two weeks. It doesn't matter how much you do, just as long as you do something! You can find the past challenges by following these two links:

- Week One Challenges
- Week Two Activities

Keep up the great work!

Our Financial

Resources

We rely on everyone to support what God is doing through this congregation. The vitality of this ministry is secured by God's grace and funded by the faithfulness and commitment of God's people. We are counting on the ongoing generosity of our members and friends.

Doing God's Work

- Income as of Aug. 14, 2020: \$422,566
- Expense as of Aug. 14, 2020: \$-436,401
- Total: \$-13,835

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Our Mission

We seek to find and share God's calling for this community of faith through worship, fellowship and service.

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