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The Good News of Chambers Memorial

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Chambers Memorial laying of the corner stone

On October 13, 1891 the ceremonial laying of the corner stone was accomplished. Inside the corner stone, it has been reported, that the following articles were placed: "Copy of scriptures belonging to Dr. McKinney's father, the Presbyterian Confession of Faith, list of members, contributors of the church and children of the Sunday school, a history of the Church, sketch of Rutledge by Thomas J. Hunt, rare coins, copies of the Delaware County American, and other papers secular and religious."



See Historical Article written by *Shelley Ashfield-Neparidze* (pg. 2)



4 Aug 2021: Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts conservator opens an 1895 copy of Chester Times found in the time capsule of Third Presbyterian Church (Jason Henn, CCAHA)

Chester Time Capsule Unearths History: An Update by Shelley Ashfield-Neparidze

When you see the image from the conservators, it will give you as much hope as I now have that we can regain the originals. It's the best news since the original box was exhumed. When I saw that diseased yellowed packet that came out I wasn't so sure. Now I see the resurrection of those documents as a reality." - Alan Rubin, after the August meeting of the Chester Historical Preservation Committee



Three hours had passed, from cool morning to the noonday heat, but John Petricone of Arcanum Stoneworks patiently chiseled the mortar in the cornerstone after sliding out the stone above it. When the copper box that housed the Bible, copies of Chester newspapers, blueprints of the church, photos of the pastors, and church documents came into view, our joy was complete. Then at 1:25pm, on Tuesday June 29, 2021, our "baby" was delivered! Then our hearts sank.

The documents laid in the cornerstone of Third Presbyterian Church on Ninth and Potter, Chester PA on July 11, 1895 were as slick and soggy as any newborn. The 44-star flag that once covered the documents was tattered and twisted beyond recognition. Dave Guleke of Chester Historical Preservation Committee acted quickly, correctly, calling the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia, who instructed us to immediately wrap the artifacts in plastic and get them in a freezer. Hibernation would protect them from microbial attack.



Forty-eight hours later, our styrofoam cooler with the sodden mass was in the hands of the conservator. The flag stayed in my freezer until I was able to carefully unfurl it on a support of unbleached muslin, square up warp and weft, and use a paintbrush to whisk away the dirt and debris without pulling off pigment. A cotton pad dampened with distilled water eased the crumpled bits of fabric into place.

One last object emerged from the box, needing no special treatment save our curiosity as to why the Trustees of Third Presbyterian might have put it there. This was a tiny silver coin, a 50 centime piece from France, with Barre's famous likeness of Napoleon III upon its face, dated 1866. Even a good specimen of such a coin is common, worth little more than \$20.00 these days.

I held the little coin in my hand and remembered the history of this Caesar. In 1866, an immensely popular monarch, in the most populous, influential, and scientifically advanced nation in Europe. He had shaped the world to his liking; he had re-built Paris into a glorious capitol with the help of Hausmann. He even caused the ancient monuments all over France - including Notre Dame de Paris - to be restored, something that even Napoleon I could only dream of doing. But by 1867, he would be tempted to war with Prussia...



Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. - Psalm 90

Session News

September 12, 2021 in the library socially distanced

Present: Marilynne (Mert) Hinkel, Evelyn Petre, Mary E. (Lynn) Woodling, Betty Martin, Rev. Kang Na, Moderator

Guest: Harold Finagin and Fred Onarato.

Opened with prayer: 11:29am

Approved minutes of August, 2021 meeting and post in library

PASTOR'S REPORT

SESSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WORSHIP Report received

Communion Served Sept: 19

Average attendance August: 16.4

Worship leaders: Sept 12 - Rev Na, Sept 19 - Rev Morganti, Sept. 26 ?(Evelyn), Oct 10 - Rev Wagner, Moderator of Session approved by COM, Oct 17 - Rev Morganti, Oct 24 - Rev Wagner, Oct 31 - Rev Morganti

MANAGEMENT Report received

Clerk's Report: The Pastor Search Committee is charged with continuing the pastor search process.

PROPERTY Report received

- Repairs: Bell tower waterproofing discussed in a PowerPoint presentation by architectural historian Harold Finagin. Contact office to see plan and power point.
- Rentals: 2 basketball teams returning to practice in McCrone Hall, **Approved** that we allow them to pay to paint basketball lines on the floor under our supervision. Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for Oct 28
- Daycare Update: 8/23 Sophia requested list of church day cares with their start times.

FINANCIAL Report received

see balance sheets in office

Approved \$1000 of yard sale receipts and \$2000 special contribution be added to Capital Fund. Yard sale dollars above \$1000 to be deposited into the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends collection.

MEMBERSHIP CARE Report received

ACTIVITIES No report due to length of Harold Finagin's PowerPoint presentation

MISSIONS No report due to length of Harold Finagin's PowerPoint presentation

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting Oct 10 after worship **Approved**

Newsletter deadlines: September 22 - Oct News, Oct 27 - Nov News, Nov 24 - Dec News, Dec 22 - Jan News

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Marge Aungst, Marie Kinder, Ruth Marshall (Naomi's Mother), Rev. Amy Na, Jim Frey, Evan Jackson, Beth Buzza, Barbara Clarke, Donna Rubicam, Tom Spaccarelli, Don Smith, Kimberlee Bayle (Jean Borror's daughter), Donna Casey (Anna Maria's Mother), Jim & MaryAnn Bramwell, Rick Crabtree, James Prendergast (friend of Richard Buzza), Donnie Williams (Evelyn's brother), Steve Pisano (Son in law of Marge Aungst), Patty Spampinato (*sister of Ellen Grace*), Rich Williams, Gail Martin, John Berges, Gabrielle Dilbeck, and the Haseltine Family.

Missions

Friends helping Friends

It's Boscov time and we again need help. We need to get \$5 donations for 49 Boscov passes. This will help us again support Forster Children at Christmas. Some have already been sold but we have 49 left. Contact Lynn or Mert. Shopping day is Oct 20 !

We do need items for the homeless!

But no socks!

Yes soap bars, deodorant, lip balm, drawstring bags, shampoo, conditioner, combs and brushes, hard candy, washcloths, floss, hand sanitizer. Deadline is Nov.7

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving is coming so turkey food is needed by Chester Eastside! Thanksgiving Food is needed by Nov 21, 2021. We will also try to help Glenolden Presbyterian Church with a donation if we have funds available.

Gifts for the Manger

Gemma likes our manger idea of all kinds of children's items.(Must be new) Outreach will supply a car seat for a foster family. If you wish, donations of youth clothing, toys, diapers, formula, blankets and bibs will be accepted Dec 5 to Jan 9

Remember Our lord baby Jesus had nothing! Let's change that for our future Children!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Super Bowl of Caring will be held February 12 in our hall the day before Super Bowl 2022. All are welcome to help with this big job. Last year we filled 5 food pantries !

If you have any questions ask Mert, Outreach Chair



Happy Birthday ! October

21 ~ Vincent Barnes
21 ~ Doris Wilbank
24 ~ Jessica Gumienny
25 ~ Sue Hunt

Save the Date:

October 17th –Fellowship Hour
October 20th - Boscov's Sale
October 28th—Blood Drive

Preaching this Month:

10/3 Rev. Kang Na
10/10 Rev. Liz Wagner
10/17 Rev. Steven Morganti
10/24 Rev. Liz Wagner
10/31 Rev. Steven Morganti

November Newsletter
Deadline
October 25th



Sample bag

The kids brought bag all week!



Ivyland V.B.S.

Dear Ment and friends at Chambers Memorial -

Thank-you for the donation and the idea to make blessing bags! We copied your sample and collected 30+ bags that we delivered to a local mission that helps run-away kids. Our V.B.S. thanks you so much! God bless - Amy Na
ps. thanks for your prayers too.

Note from
Rev. Amy Na
Ivyland

Fall Community Yard Sale



Thank you everyone for helping out with the Yard Sale, we raised \$1,224. \$1000 towards our Capital Fund and \$224 towards our Outreach Mission Fund.



Save our tower!



It is a beautiful, unique landmark of this community
that defines this geographic place.
It deserves to be preserved.

Property/Capital Fund

Our Capital Fund was used to treat our building for termites using Modern Exterminator, after receiving 3 different quotes and inspections. We also replaced roofing tiles by the tower and sealed our flat roof over the Sunday School rooms. We recently have been getting estimates on waterproofing the bell tower. A local historian surveyed our damage and presented it to the session. A copy of the presentation is in a binder in the library. Some of his pictures and recommendations are included.

History: In the beginning...



- Tower had a slate roof
- Belfry had a grill
- Ivy (a parasite) allowed to grow on tower, pleasant to the eye but destructive of the mortar
- Note shelter over stairs to the tower vestibule door
- Ground sloped away from the building. This is good
- No mulch to retain moisture around the foundation.

Proposed treatments for the Bell tower:

Interior Treatments:

Repair/replace bird netting, as needed.

Remove any vinyl wall paper or latex paint on the interior of the tower walls that could trap moisture and disallow drying to the inside. Allow walls to dry thoroughly. Consider repainting with a lime wash or other permeable paint.



Exterior Treatments:

Belfry Floor

Repair to make waterproof, and slope the floor to the openings of the gable walls to allow water to exit under the lower louver

Belfry drip edge:
Add a SS drip edge at bottom of belfry sill where it meets the stone of the shaft section (about 12' long)

Shaft Floor

Hatchway to have a air admittance valve allowing air into the shaft when under negative pressure.

Build pent roof over red entry door at the vestibule

Vestibule exterior: Remove the Portland cement and repoint with lime mortar ASAP. When you have the budget, do the remainder of the tower.

Remove mulch and slope ground away from building. Repoint stone base with lime mortar, retrofit a damp proof course & add a sacrificial stucco layer.

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October 3rd



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