Greetings PHC,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer break.  August is approaching quickly, and I wanted to let you all know about some exciting new events that will be opening up our fall semester.

Over the years I have heard many students comment that one of their favorite memories from freshman year is the prayer and worship time on the steps of Founders during orientation. It’s a time for encouragement and preparation for the upcoming year, and I have often wondered how we could create more opportunities like that. This year, I get to see one of my goals become reality.

It’s with excitement that we invite you to our first: Welcome Back! Fall Retreat.

We have invited Tim Henderson to be our keynote speaker.  Below you will find a short bio and a link to a talk he gave a couple of years ago at a conference.  I think you all will like him and will be challenged by what he has to say. There is also a draft of the retreat schedule below the bio.

Emily and I attended a conference at Gordon College in June where the theme was “Come to the Table”.  It was a very thought provoking theme and something I have continued to think and talk about.  One of my favorite quotes at the conference was shared by the director of the conference from a book by Shauna Niequist called *Bread and Wine,* “we don’t come to the table to fight or defend, to draw lines in the sand or to stir up trouble.  We come to the table because our hunger brings us there.  The table is the place where the doing stops, the trying stops, the mask are removed, and we allow ourselves to be nourished.”

My prayer is that our beginning of the year retreat will nourish us all personally and spiritually and be a great way to bring us all together and refocus our hearts before the school year begins on Monday

My **second announcement** is that we have booked **Wendell Kimbrough** to speak in chapel on Wednesday August 24th and he will perform a concert that evening in the Coffee shop featuring songs from his new album *New Psalms and Hymns.*

**BIO:**

## [Tim Henderson](http://timothyhenderson.net/) directs the Blue Ridge Fellows, assisted by his wife Kellie. Tim and Kellie graduated from James Madison University and were on staff with Cru for over 20 years. While with Cru, Tim and Kellie served the students at West Chester University and then Penn State. More recently, Tim served as Vice President with Christian Union, overseeing the amazing teams who lead CU's university ministries at Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Penn, Princeton, and Yale.

## Tim and Kellie have spent their entire adulthoods preparing men and women in their early 20s to walk with God for a lifetime. They love the hundreds of (former) college students they've led to faith, discipled, taught and learned from. Four children round out the Henderson clan: Benjamin, Silas, Max and Sadie, one each in college, high school, junior high, and elementary school, all of whom add to the Blue Ridge Fellows experience.



Link to a talk by Tim

<http://www.timothyhenderson.net/#!made-and-marred-video/c4nk>

**Draft of schedule**

**Friday August 19th**

5:45     Welcome back dinner in the Hodel Gym

7:00     Words from President Haye and student body president Andrew Kelly

            Worship

            Talk #1 Tim Henderson

**Saturday August 20th**

10:00   Worship in Town hall

            Talk #2 Tim Henderson

11:30   Lunch

2:00     Fun time lead by some of our own Teen Camp counselors and RAs

5:00     Dinner

7:00     Worship in Town hall

            Final talk Tim Henderson

            Build you own ice cream sundae bar

            Freshmen Talent Show