

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

I stopped into our Children's Chorus rehearsal on last Sunday. They are ready to lead us into worship this Palm Sunday with a parade and joyful shouts of Hosanna. When those little ones pass you by in the aisle, be sure to look at their precious faces and whisper a prayer of thanks to God for them.

They are God's children and they are our children.

And as see their faces, whisper a prayer for those families who lost their little ones this week in Nashville.

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I am grateful for the reminder in our scripture from last week that we love and follow a God who weeps with us. No words can begin to cover the depth of pain and grief that community is carrying now in the loss of their loved ones and their little ones. May the God who weeps be near.

I know we tired to hearing the news and in our weariness we might feel helpless to act. But we are not. The story of Holy Week and Easter is a protest against the powers of evil and death. It is a reminder of the power of the Love of God to transform the world. Moving in the power of that Love is our life's work. May we comfort the grieving and bind up the brokenhearted. And then may God's Love push us even farther, to transformative acts of resurrection hope this Easter and beyond.

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In Grace and Peace,

Tracey

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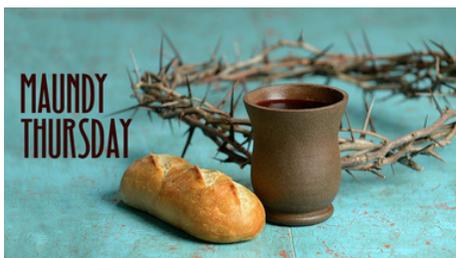
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Holy Week and Easter



Palm Sunday April 2

As we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, join us as our Children's Chorus leads us in chorus of "Hosanna" while our Bell Choir brings a new offering.



Maundy Thursday April 6 - Soup Service at 6PM

Family friendly soup supper and worship in Fellowship Hall, recalling Jesus' last supper with his disciples. All are welcome!



Good Friday April 7

Children's Gathering at 10AM

Join us for crafts, stories and snacks.

Tenebrae Service at 7PM in the Sanctuary

As we remember Jesus' final hours, we'll read scripture, pray and extinguish candles.

Easter Sunday

Worship Service

9:30 AM



Palm Sunday Service Projects

CPC will be dedicating time after worship on Palm Sunday to serve others - all are welcome! We'll start after worship working together in Fellowship Hall.



River Leigh Darocha, daughter of Joe and Paige was baptized on March 26. Welcome to the Family of God, River!

Spring Fellowship Hour

Come join us after worship for some warm drinks, snacks and fellowship. We are looking for families or groups of people to sign up to host.

All you need to do is bring some snacks, make some coffee and set it out for everyone before church starts. We'll send out directions ahead of time and help with whatever you need.

Questions? Contact Jessica Bruno.

We will have a sign-up sheet in worship or you can [sign up here](#).

Easter April 9 - Worship Service 9:30AM

Come and celebrate the Resurrection as we remember that God's love for us knows no bounds.

Invite a friend to share the pew with you as we recall the Good News of our Faith.



The African Children's Choir will be performing at CPC on **Sunday, April 16th at 6pm.**

Thank you to all those who have agreed to host choir members in their homes. There are also a number of other ways to help on the day of the concert from making dinner to ushering. Sign up today by scanning the QR code below to be a part of this amazing night!



Any questions, please contact Colleen Duerr at cpduerr@mac.com or 908-447-7928.

Summer Nursery Volunteer Opportunity

If you enjoy children, playdoh, toys and fun, please consider volunteering in the Nursery this summer (May through Sept). Each week, a pair of volunteers supervise and play with our CPC youngsters during the church service. Volunteers usually serve 1-2 Sundays per season.

Please contact Kim Darcy to join our amazing nursery team of volunteers.

If you already volunteer - Thanks!!

Want to Help with Worship?

We are always looking for ways to involve people of all ages in worship leadership.

- ▶ Want to share your *musical talents*?
Contact Ted: ted4cpc@gmail.com
- ▶ Up for leading a *Children's Conversation*?
Contact Tracey: tracey4cpc@gmail.com
- ▶ Willing to be a *reader*?
Contact Judy Beck
- ▶ Happy to serve as an *usher or greeter*?
Contact Linda Schipmann-Pustai
- ▶ Have *AV skills* to share?
Contact Matt Hodulik
- ▶ New Opportunity for Kids - Serve as an *Acolyte*!
We still have some slots to fill. [Sign up here.](#)

Want to Join the Choir?



The **Chancel Choir** rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm and the **Praise Team** rehearses on Saturday mornings at 10:30 am.

Bell Choir is a seasonal group, coming together in late October to prepare music for the Christmas season, and again in late February to prepare music for Easter. Bell Choir is open to people over the age of 10, as long as they can count! No musical knowledge is needed.

Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are encouraged to share their musical gifts throughout the year! Please let Ted know if you would like to participate. ted4cpc@gmail.com

Children's Ministry



Children learn Jesus' story of specks and logs and make a prayer of confession craft.



Children learn about the two builders and how a strong foundation is important. By being followers of Jesus, they are building a strong foundation for life. Jesus is their "rock."



Children learn that they are different by Jesus loves them all the same. Students draw pictures of Jesus.

See page 6 to register for VBS!

Please note these important dates for Sunday School:

4/9 Easter Sunday - No Sunday School **4/16** Easter Break - No Sunday School

Joy Scouts

Joy Scouts is a new outreach group connecting CPC families and children to a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in the community. The Joy Scouts have at least one community service a month. Check out our group Facebook page for all the latest! Our next monthly project will be helping the Raritan Headwaters Association with an Earth Day stream cleanup project on April 15th from 9-11.

All ages welcome!

Our rescheduled visit to the Hunterdon Care Center will be on **April 23 at 2:00pm**. All age kids come for games, crafts, and fellowship! Our older Joy Scouts (age 9+) can assist with serving lunch at Homeless Solutions on **April 29 and 30**. Please register with Abby to attend.

Mark your calendars for springtime flower planting at the Anderson House on **Sunday, May 7, at 2:00pm**. We love serving others with joyful hearts! Contact Abby Dougherty for more information on participating with Joy Scouts.

Youth Ministry

CHAOS Youth Group (9th - 12th graders)

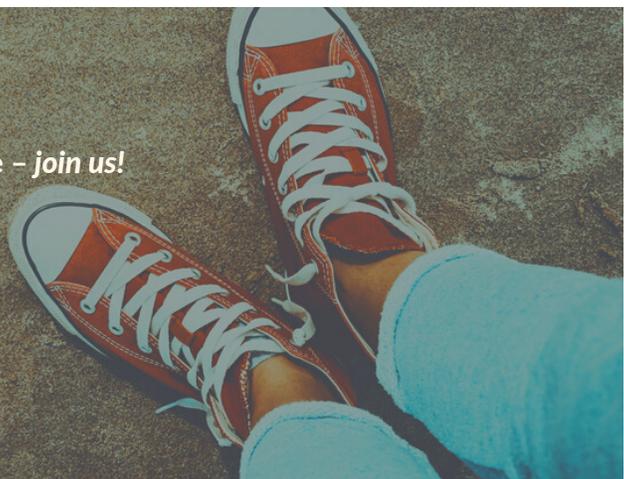
CHAOS meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 7-8pm.

There are games, snacks, service opportunities and more – join us!

Next meeting dates: April 2 and 16, May 7

Meet in Fellowship Hall - there'll be plenty of snacks and fun games!

For more information contact Maggie Bell



On March 18th the **Confirmation Class** participated in a one-day Confirmation Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg. They joined teens from several other churches for a day of games, challenges and some great conversations about Faith. All 5 confirmands (Derek, Justin and Trevor Anese, Maggie and Tommy Sauers) also VERY bravely completed a High-Ropes challenge course and a Zip Line.

A big thank you to Leslie Hyman and Tom Brankner for not only chaperoning this trip but also guiding our students through communion this year.

These students will be confirmed on Sunday, May 14.

Plan to join us as we celebrate their commitments of faith.



Fellowship and Summer Fun

Some CPC ladies enjoyed a fun night together on March 8th at Chirp Workshop!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 17-21
@ CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN

REGISTER TODAY

530-8PM
(DINNER INCLUDED)
PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE - FREE!

WWW.CLINTONPRESBYTERIAN.NET
91 CENTER STREET, CLINTON NJ

VBS at CPC
July 17-21
5:30 - 8:00 PM
Preschool - 5th Grade: FREE!
Dinner included.

SCAN ME! >>>
to register

CPC All Church Picnic

Plans are underway to host another wonderful outdoor picnic in May. Join us right after worship on Sunday, May 21. More details to follow!



Mission Ministry

Mission Opportunity: City Relief

CPC continues to support City Relief (the Relief Bus). This organization serves the homeless and others in Newark and New York City. During the pandemic they adjusted their outreach hours. On Friday, April 21 we will leave CPC at 4pm, serve food outside Newark Penn Station and return to Clinton by 8pm. If you would like to join this outreach, please contact Dave Kelly.



Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement

Dave and Laurel Kelly recently began serving on a local interfaith Welcome Circle as CPC representatives. This Welcome Circle is associated with a national organization that specializes in humanitarian refugee resettlement in the United States. Our goal is to bring a Ukrainian family to the Hunterdon County area within the next 6 months to a year. We are just getting started, but keep your eyes open for updates and opportunities to get involved over the next several months.



Pedals for Progress and Sewing Peace Collection Event

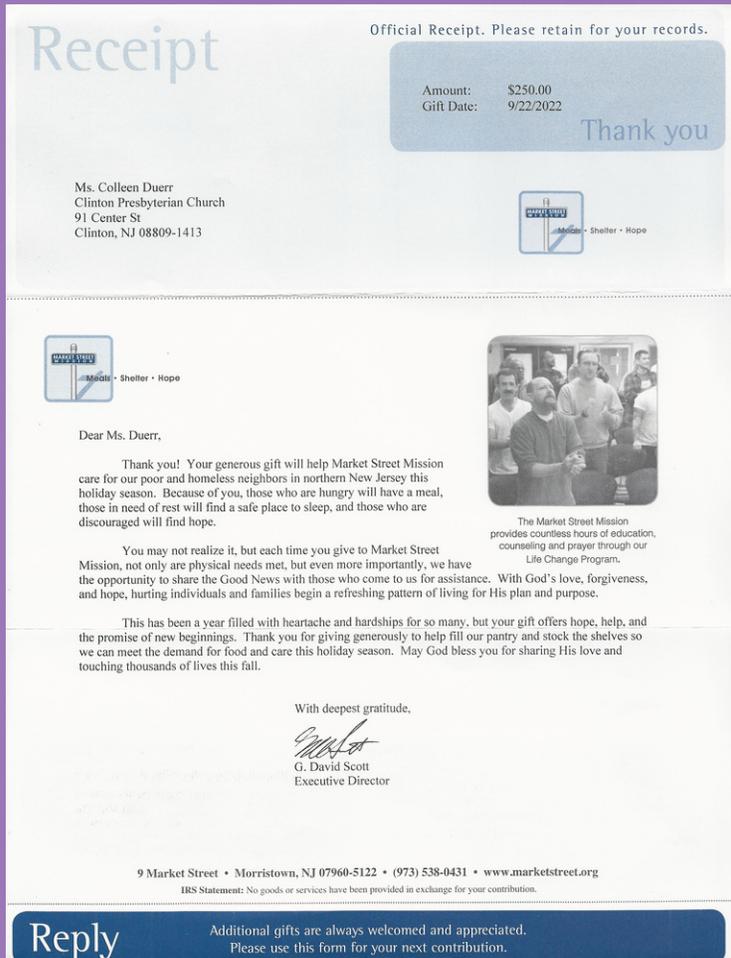
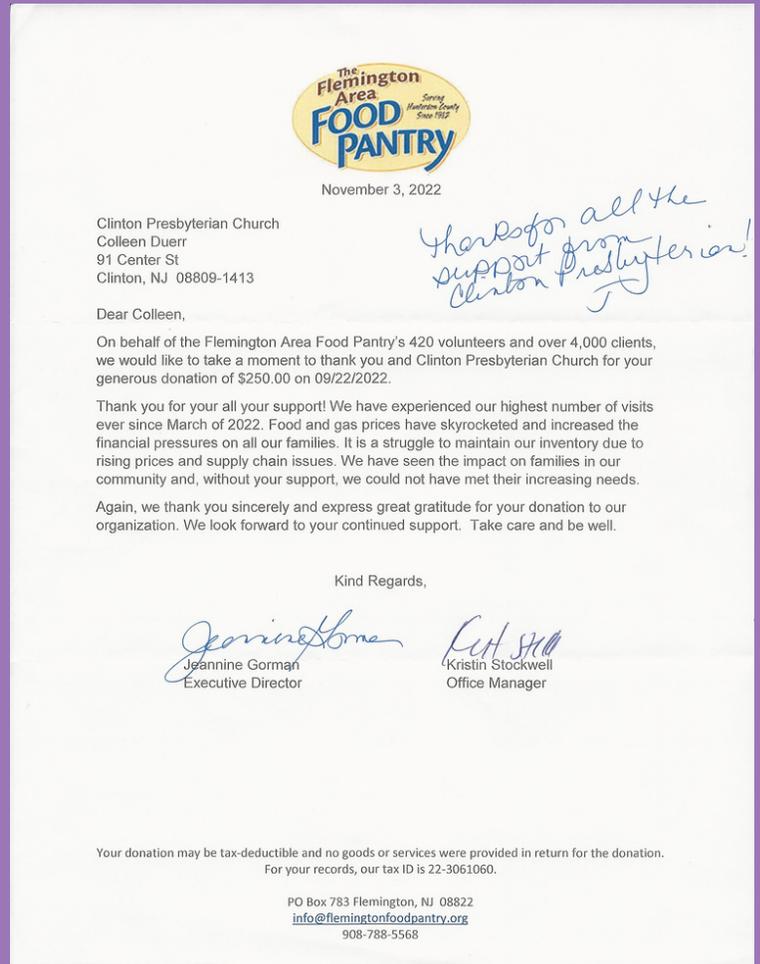
On Saturday, June 10th, CPC will once again host a used bicycle and sewing machine collection event from 9am-12pm. This is a great opportunity to help clean out your garage and or basement and put those unused bicycles and sewing machines to good use. More information to follow.



Our Community Impact

The Mission team would like to share the wonderful thank you messages we have received from our 2022 disbursements to organizations. The disbursements served both local organizations (74%) and national / international organizations (26%). We will continue to share these messages throughout the year within the newsletter so that everyone can see the impact we are making in both local and greater communities.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



CPC Deacons

Need a Helping Hand? Reach out to your Deacons

Need help with a project around the house or in the yard that is just too big for you? Give us a call and we'll jump in to help!

Going through a busy or transitional time in your life and feeling overwhelmed? We'd love to provide you with some meals to make the days easier.

Need a ride to an appointment but can't find an Uber in all of Hunterdon County? You know who to call!

Our deacons are here to serve you in any way we can. We are always praying for you as we gather together. If you have a specific need that we can hold in prayer, please let us know.

Signs of New Life – A Lenten Reflection from the Deacon of the Month

At each deacon meeting, the deacon of the month leads the group in a time of devotion. In March, knowing that Tracey would be preaching on Lazarus soon, I invited us to reflect on where we see signs of new life around us these days at Clinton Presbyterian. There was so much to be named. We are still enjoying our newly renovated sanctuary space, are thrilled to have welcomed new members recently and seeing the kids fill up the chancel steps and then some reminds us that the church is teeming with life. We see new life in the continued restoration work around the building and in the new faces joining us in the pews each week. There is so much to be thankful for.

As you come to CPC over Holy Week and Easter, as we get ready to celebrate Resurrection, look around and name the signs of new life which you see.



March Deacon of the Month David Henry



About Me

There's not much that you don't already know about me from Tracey's sermons! When I am not providing sermon material, you will find me at Clinton Public School where I work as a teacher's aide. After being a stay-at-home parent for 9 years, it seemed only fitting to add even more kids to my daily life! In the Spring you'll find me coaching my kids' soccer teams, attempting to play soccer with my men's team or perfecting the perfect steak on the grill. If you want a restaurant quality steak, give me a call and we'll plan a time for dinner!

I have served as a Deacon for the last 6 years at CPC and my term will end shortly. But, as always, if there is any way I can help you or your family, please let me know.



CPC Preschool

Whether March comes in like a lion or like a lamb, our preschoolers always come in with smiles and look forward to days filled with fun! Can't wait to see what Miss Cathy, Miss Sarah and Ms Powick have planned for April!

There are a few open seats in both the 3s and the 4s classes. If you or someone you know is looking for a half day preschool, please find our registration form and more about our program by visiting our [website](#).





April Birthdays

- 1 Parker Warren
- 2 Debra Jackle, Mia Wehrenberg
- 3 August Dougherty, Julia Morrissette
- 4 Beth Ballantine
- 6 Davis Henry
- 7 Brenda Krushinski
- 9 Jeff Hazelette
- 10 Tom Brankner, Steven Kotopoulos
- 11 Megan Verderamo
- 12 Steven Dhein
- 19 Matthew Kursar
- 21 Ruby Carver
- 22 Dan Nuzzo
- 24 Steve Hovey
- 26 Jennifer Thompson
- 27 Camryn Kelly
- 28 Rebecca DiPace
- 30 Andrew Westlin



April Anniversaries

- 3 Ken and Kimberly Westlin
- 5 Robert Herndon and Julie Baldassare
- 17 Ryan and Dana Kelly
- 21 Chris and Deirdre Blaus
- 22 Richard and Megan Verderamo
- 23 Jens and Colleen Duerr
- 24 Andrew and Cathy Edelsberg