

Clinton Presbyterian Church

June 2021

91 Center Street Clinton NJ 08809

Dear CPC Family,

This week I will spend 24 hours with other pastors from our newly formed Highlands Presbytery at Camp Johnsonburg, in Blirstown, NJ. The Presbytery has designed this to be a time of retreat for pastors, a time of rest and renewal following an unusual season of ministry.

I'll readily admit that I am not usually inclined to carve out "quiet space" in my schedule, after all there is always plenty to do. And I was also reluctant to commit to this time as it feels indulgent in some way; a luxury many do not have.

Yet having completed a series of mental gymnastics about why I shouldn't go, I am trusting the Spirit's nudge to go and to go with an open heart. In this time, I will be seeking God's company in prayer and solitude, in worship and in community. It is my prayer that this brief pause might help me to better serve you as your pastor through these summer days. Would you join with me in that prayer for renewal for both myself and the other pastors in our presbytery? That would be a wonderful gift to me.

Having reconnected with the True Vine, I look forward to glad days of reconnection with you this summertime - mark your calendars now and plan to join us at a Summer Supper at the Manse this July and August.

Grace and Peace to you,

Tracey



SAVE THE DATES!

Summer Suppers at the Manse

July 21 and August 4 @ 6 PM

Sign up information to follow!

Our Mission

Clinton Presbyterian Church is a welcoming congregation called to share Christ's love.



Welcoming to All



Growing in Faith



Serving with Love

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Sunday Worship

We are worshipping both online and outdoors each Sunday!

Online Services will be available by 9:30am each Sunday morning, but you can watch them any time. Ted continues to work with our talented musicians to create inspiring music which helps us to worship God with joy from week to week. If you would like to sing, read scripture, share some good news or lead a children's conversation, please be in touch!

Outdoor Services will be offered each Sunday morning at CPC, weather permitting. You don't need to make a reservation, just show up and praise God together with church friends. Following the children's conversation each week,

outdoor childcare is provided for the kids. Bring your own chair. If you want to lead us in song, help with tech set up, lead a children's conversation, read scripture or participate in some other way, we would love to hear from you!

Want to help with worship?

Sign up here to read Scripture:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4EACAE2FAoFBCE9-liturgists1>

Sign up here to lead a Children's Conversation:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4EACAE2FAoFBCE9-lead>

Willing to help with outdoor childcare?
Contact Judi Sifuentes to get on the schedule.

Welcome to our New Members



Maryjean Bakaletz-Riou

Maryjean lives in Long Valley with her husband, Alec and dog Spencer. She is a librarian for the Hunterdon County Librarian. When she's not at the library, she enjoys reading, knitting and traveling. Her favorite place to visit is the Berkshires in Massachusetts.



Robin Carver

Robin is mom to Westley and Ruby Carver, which she shares with her husband, Sean. Her second job is a reading specialist where she works with students with reading disabilities. Robin lives in Clinton Township where she is currently trying to plant beautiful things that the deer (and children) will not eat.

Lauren Farese

Lauren joins CPC from Bethlehem Presbyterian church where she and her husband Lou Justice were members for 28 years. They live in Bethlehem Township, NJ (and in the summers in Bradley Beach, NJ) and have two boys - Doug who lives in NYC and Rob who is in grad school in Atlanta, GA. Lauren works for Oracle Corporation, supporting Government and Education across the US as a Sr. Director for the Federal Pre-sales team. Lauren and Lou like photography, gardening, reading, cooking, and have rescued, fostered and adopted out many cats and kittens over the last 28 years. Lauren has also volunteered at the Norton Church Thrift shop (now Clinton Methodist) for the last 20+ years and has been involved in their mission projects as well as numerous volunteer events at Oracle such as Tabby's place, Interfaith network coat/food drives, and environmental clean-up events.



Brian and Tina Martin



Updates on Repair to the Plaster Ceiling

Following a congregational vote on May 23, we were able to secure a loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan program to complete the necessary repair work. Having obtained bids from two companies in the area who specialize in plaster ceiling repair, Session voted to contract with Tiedemann, Inc. for this project.

Work commenced on June 1 and is expected to take 8 weeks, which includes time allotted to repaint the sanctuary walls and ceilings. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rev. Henry, Elder Gwili Marsh or any other member of Session.



Capital Campaign Consultant

As you know from the video we shared last month, [Update on Ceiling Repair and More](#), an Ad Hoc Task Force was commissioned by Session in early 2020 to assess needs for updates, maintenance and repair. In addition to the repair to the sanctuary ceiling a number of other needs were also identified.

We have secured a loan from PILP for the ceiling repair and in order repay this debt and fund additional needs we are pursuing grant funding, discussing how best to use our existing funds and also investigating the possibility of a capital campaign which would allow church members and friends the opportunity to invest in the renewal of our beloved church building. We recently interviewed three consulting agencies which specialize in assisting churches with

Capital Campaign Consultant (cont.)

fundraising needs and at the May meeting of Session, we voted to contract with the Horizons Stewardship Group to explore the feasibility of a church wide capital campaign at this time in our life. We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and will keep you updated as the process moves forward.

Help Wanted!

Looking for a person or small team to lead an effort to help our community members who are living in hotels.

We have a volunteer opportunity for an individual, family, or small group to help our community members living in hotels. For all those newly housed in hotels for any reason, we would like to provide them with a small starter kit of supplies to make them more comfortable. Supplies include things like: plates, bowls, utensils, can opener, and paper towels. In partnership with the Flemington Area Food Pantry we've come up with an established list of items that should be placed in a reusable bag. We estimate that we'll need about 3-4 bags on hand at all times and as of now, a bag is needed about once every two to three weeks. The bags can be delivered either to the individual at the hotel or to the Flemington Area Food Pantry.

More information on what should be included, how items can be delivered, and ideas for how to collect and organize the items is available if you're interested. We are also storing and distributing small dorm-sized refrigerators for our friends in hotels that are in need of them. If you'd like to take on all or part of this project or even if you just have some questions, please contact Colleen Duerr. Thank you!



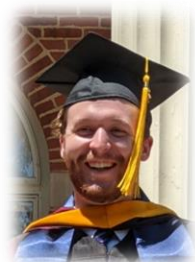
College



Lauren Edelsberg – University of Maryland, dual degree in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Ed



Christopher Honthy - Savannah College of Art and Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography with a concentration in Commercial Photography



Kyle Lundeen – Susquehanna University, Bachelor's Degree in Biology



Lauren Morrisette - University of Maryland with a BS in Kinesiology



Caroline Paul - University of Maryland with a BS in Computer Science



Scott Schipmann - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering

College (cont.)



Will Spencer - University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science

High School



Melissa Bieksha – North Hunterdon High School, attending University of Manchester in England



Kinsco Pusztai – Voorhees High School, attending RVCC in the fall



Jordan Tombs – Voorhees High School, attending Rutgers in the fall

Middle School



Marissa Annese – Clinton Township Middle School

BUSY BEES
at CPC

PRE-K
THRU
5TH GRADE

MAKE YOUR OWN BUSY BAG

What is a Busy Bag? It's a small tote bag with activities to keep your child occupied during worship. Children's Ministry will provide a bag for each child to decorate and fill with toys and activities. The bag will be yours to take home. Bring it each week to church for your child to use during the service. If your child does not want a Busy Bag but wishes to join in the fun, we could use help making a few extra bags for visitors.

BUSY BAGS

CPC PARKING LOT
5:30-6:30 PM
FRIDAY, JUNE 11

IF IT RAINS,
WE'LL BE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

RSVPs needed by June 4.
Email the church at office4cpc@gmail.com
so we know you are coming.
Please provide the names of the children attending.



CHAOS Youth Group

Happy (almost) Summer to all! We are grateful that CHAOS has been able to meet in person, outdoors, socially distanced, and masked (say that ten times fast!) the past few meetings due to beautiful weather! It was so refreshing and fun (and more energetic!) to have everyone together. BIG thanks to Tracey, David, and the Henry boys for welcoming "the bigs" twice for s'mores and games!

We celebrated the year together on May 16th at our final "traditional" CHAOS of the school year with a photo scavenger hunt through town! Masked selfies at favorite Town of Clinton landmarks were the key to winning this game – fun was had by all and we ended the night with a well-deserved s'more at the manse. We realize how immensely blessed we are to have been able to gather both on Zoom and intermittently in person through this pandemic. We realize we have a way to go yet, but the time together on screen and off filled all of our cups and fostered great friendships!

We are excited to be participating in the Flemington Area Food Pantry farmers market on June 19th. We will be collecting donations of toys and outdoor activities to hand out to local families the day of the market. Donations can be left in or next to the bin outside the back door of the church until June 10th. A list of items we are collecting is below – we hope to have your support on this project! Thank you in advance for all of your generosity and help!

We're seriously having so much fun & we are so grateful to have y'all along for the ride with us! Follow us on Instagram! @chaosyouthministry

CHAOS Food Pantry Donation List

- Juice boxes
- Bubbles
- Sidewalk chalk
- Sunscreen
- Ice pops
- Bouncy balls
- Rubber band propeller toy
- Jump ropes
- Stickers
- Kites
- Glow sticks
- Play jewelry

Children's Ministry Pre-K thru 5th Grade Sunday School

Would you help? Our kids need you!
Guaranteed giggles and smiles... and not a big commitment.

To accommodate our children during in-person worship this summer and our hopeful return to Sunday School classrooms this fall, we need your help. We are looking for both **nursery volunteers** and **Sunday School teachers (PreK-5th grade)**.

We can't have childcare without adult supervision and we can't offer classes without teachers. Everyone is busy, but these are not weekly commitments. Nursery and Sunday School are set up on a rotating schedule. To assist in the nursery during Sunday worship, contact Kim Darcy. To join the teaching team, contact Cathy Edelsberg .

June Birthdays

- 1 Colin Bruno
- 2 Helen Ballantine
- 6 Kyle Longell
- 7 Megan Kvarta, Ava Sudol, Kathryn Treese
- 10 Derek, Justin & Trevor Annese, Cindy Boyer
- 11 Fernando Perez
- 12 Judy Beck, Cathy Edelsberg
- 14 Scott Jackle
- 16 Michael Penyak
- 18 Rhys Donchevich
- 20 Colleen Duerr
- 23 Judy Ader, Emily Edelsberg, Paul Morrisette
- 24 Bill Barr, Greta Eichlin-Bell
- 25 Valerie Boyer, Lauren Morrisette
- 28 Betty Ann Dhein
- 30 Wendy Morrisette

June Anniversaries

- 5 John & Martha Roth
- 6 Bill & Eileen Mansfield
- 8 Link & Patty Heffner
- 12 David & Tracey Henry
- 16 Norman & Martha LaValette
- 18 Rick & Leslie Hyman, Rich & Jill Prakopcyk
- 21 Andres & Kristen Madriz
- 25 Robert & Helen Ballantine
- 26 Fernando & Kim Perez
- 29 Bill & Mary Ellen Anthony

Deacons

We are continuing to regularly check in with our flocks to make sure everyone is doing all right.

Here is a list of your Deacons, for your reference:

David Henry (412-977-0390) – Letters A, N, O

Barb Pearson (908-627-1467) – Letters Ba - Bi

Andrew Kvarta (267-798-5355) – Letters Bl – Bu

Betty Ann Dhein (908-310-8021) – Letter C & H

Laurel Kelly (908-400-1091) – Letters D & E

Stephanie Ramos-Dominko (908-884-4735) – Letters F, G, V, & W

Robin Meyh (908-303-2026) – Letters I, J & K

Wendy Morrisette (908-500-4596) – Letter L

Rick Hyman (908-451-1478) – Letter M

Colin Bruno (908-442-0002) – Letter P

Barb Plundeke (908-752-2331) – Letters Q, R & T

Jim Pustai (908-268-2750) - Letter S

Thank you all for those who so willingly provided meals to some of our CPC members. We are blessed to have such a wonderful caring church community!

Treasurer's Report Summary

	April	YTD Actual	Budget YTD
Income	\$23,101	\$103,598	\$118,984
Expense	\$27,847	\$121,000	\$135,533
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$4,746)	(\$17,402)	(\$16,549)