

SUMMER NEWS FROM CPC

Updates and Highlights from Clinton Presbyterian Church



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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

Summer days are good days to enjoy some extra reading time. We often think about getting lost in a good book on warm summer afternoons.

This summer I am inviting us to take a deep dive together into the Book of Ephesians, one of the letters attributed to Paul in the New Testament. Addressed to “the saints who are in Ephesus and who are faithful”, it’s a letter of encouragement for the people of the early church and really serves as a primer on the Christian faith. Paul zeroed in on God’s work of reconciliation in Jesus Christ and how the people of the church were called to live in response to this work. In the midst of a diverse economic, social and political climate, the church was called to live out their new identity “in Christ”.

As we reset this summer, slowing down enough to count our blessings after a long and challenging season, it seems that Ephesians might be just the right book for us to savour. However, it’s not so much a book to get lost in as it is a book in which we too might find our true identity.

May the Spirit guide our reading, listening and learning and may we find ourselves encouraged and renewed.

God’s blessings to you and those you love!

Tracey

Rooted and Grounded - Summer Sermon Series Reading Schedule

The book of Ephesians is just 6 chapters long and we’ll spend 6 of our Summer Sundays looking at this letter together.

Why not read along at home to get a sense of the big picture?

Here’s a suggested schedule:

Week of July 5 – Chapter 1 (text for July 11 – Ephesians 1:3-14)

Week of July 12 – Chapter 2 (text for July 18 – Ephesians 2:11-22)

Week of July 19 – Chapter 3 (text for July 25 - Ephesians 3: 14-21)

Week of July 26 – Chapter 4 (text for August 1 – Ephesians 4:1-16)

Week of August 9 - Chapter 5 (text for August 15 – Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

Week of August 16 - Chapter 6 (text for August 22 - Ephesians 6:10-20)

Want to help with worship?

Sign up to read for online or in person worship - or both! Scriptures will be sent to you ahead of time. If interested, contact Judy Beck .

Or sign up to lead the Children's Conversation for online and in person worship - or both!
You can base your conversation around the scripture reading for the day or use another scripture or theme. [Use this link to sign up.](#)

A Note from Nominating

Following a congregational vote, the following members were approved to serve on the nominating committee: Elder Jessica Bruno, Deacon Rick Hyman , Jim Dornbusch, Laurel Kelly and Sharon Rosenberg.

The team will commence their work in mid-July and hope to present the slate of incoming officers to the congregation in the early fall. Please look out for an invite from the team to submit names of those you believe would be a good fit as spiritual leaders for CPC in the year ahead. If you have any questions, please reach out to Elder Jessica Bruno.



Worship Online & Outdoors



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. 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. In the event of rain, we will move into Fellowship Hall. 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.

We plan on resuming indoor worship on August 15 once the work in the Sanctuary has been completed. (See next page for a building update.)

Flat Jesus is Back!

As you take him on adventures this summer, send us photos to share on our social media! Send your favorite snaps to: office4cpc@gmail.com



[Download your own Flat Jesus here.](#)

Slow Summer

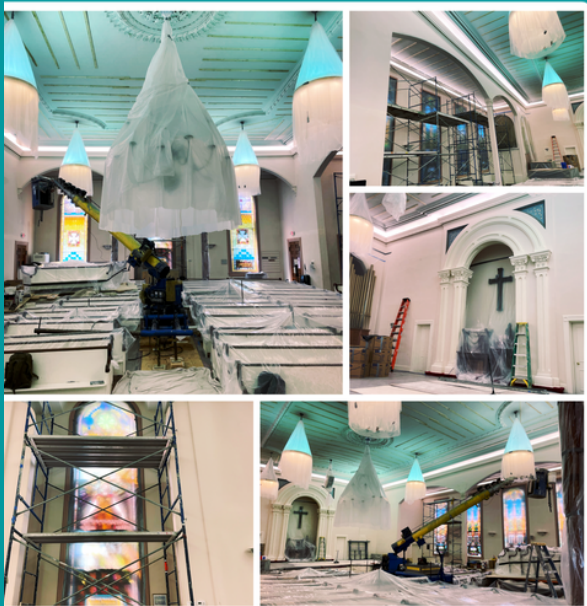


Are you saying "yes" to a slow summer? Pick up a copy of this booklet to guide you. Paper copies are available at outdoor worship or by calling the church office. [You can access a digital copy here.](#)

Open Garden Invitation

Valerie Boyer would like to invite CPC members to her Open Garden on Saturday, July 10 from 10 am to 2 pm. She has over 250 varieties of daylilies nestled among many perennials, hostas, ferns, shrubs and trees.

Contact the church office (office4cpc@gmail.com) for Valerie's address.



Building Update

As noted in last month's newsletter, work on the repair of the sanctuary ceiling began on June 1. The team from Tiedemann Inc has been outstanding, working diligently each day and taking extra measures to protect all our pews and light fixtures while the work is ongoing. Thanks to their committed efforts, we are on track to complete this project on time, which will allow for a return to worship in the sanctuary on August 15.

Teaching Sunday School . . .

It's about reading a short story, not planning elaborate lessons.
It's about opening God's Word, not reciting Bible verses from memory.
It's about having conversations, not having all the answers.
It's about coloring and imagining, not mastering arts and crafts.
It's about praising God and singing, not worrying if you're on key.
It's about loving our kids. It's about sharing God's love.

JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME." (MATTHEW 19:14)

**It's about being like Jesus.
It's about simply showing up.**



Will you show up for our kids?

Be part of our Pre-K through 5th grade teaching team.
We work together and rotate teaching weeks.

Sunday school begins in September.

Email Cathy Edelsberg at cathyedels@gmail.com.

Smiles and love required.
Capes are optional
(and hopefully in the fall, masks will be too).

The Children's Ministry Team hosted a "Decorate Your Own Busy Bag" event on June 11.

Fifteen children attended, creating their own bags to bring to worship.

A blue backpack is shown against a background of green water. The backpack is open, revealing various school supplies including a purple notebook, a pair of blue scissors, a pencil, a marker, and a spiral notebook. The text "BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & KONA COMES TO CHURCH" is written in bold, dark brown letters on the right side of the image. Below this, a yellow banner contains the text "SUNDAY AUGUST 29 9:30AM WORSHIP" and "WE'LL BLESS ALL OUR BACKPACKS DURING WORSHIP AND THE KONA TRUCK WILL BE WAITING FOR US AFTERWARDS WITH TREATS FOR ALL AGES!".

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**CHAOS Crew –
Mark your calendars
now – Pool Party on
August 19 at 7pm at
the Kursars' home –
more details to
follow!**

CHAOS

We've had a stellar and chill June with the CHAOS Crew! Though our regular gatherings are paused for summer, the Chaos group handed out summer toys at the Flemington Area Food Pantry that they collected from the congregation. It was so fun to see smiles on children and parents' faces and know that their outdoor adventures this summer will be that much more special!





CPC Preschool

COVID kept us closed for the first four months of school this past year, but opening in January 2021 gave us four wonderful months with our preschool families. We enrolled one class of 3-5 year olds which met two days a week. Those two days were filled with exploration, learning and so much fun!

Summer is a time for refreshing and renewing and getting ourselves ready for a five day/week program in the fall. Our teaching team is complete. Our classes are just about full. Our classrooms are being cleaned and decorated. Our playground...needs some work.

Would you be willing to help out with weeding, mulching and general sprucing up of our playground area? Work is to be done in mid to late August, so that the area is ready for our children in September. If you could help out, please contact Adrienne Hodulik. Thank you!



Mission Ministry July Collection - Summer Baskets

We are planning to help the local families that we help during Thanksgiving, but during the summer. We are hoping to bring them a little summer joy by providing them some supplies to go towards a summer family meal, fun, and prepare for the upcoming school year.

If you would like to donate items, there will be totes for donation drop-off on the porch at CPC and at the upcoming Summer Suppers at the Manse. The collection deadline is Wednesday, August 4.

We will be delivering these items to the families on Saturday, August 7. If you are interested in helping with the delivery, please reach out to Colleen Duerr. You can also reach out to Colleen if you have any additional questions.

These are the items that we plan to collect:

- Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
- Large Can of Baked Beans
- Canned Fruit (such as Fruit Cocktail, Peaches, Pears or Pineapple)
- Cheez-It Type Crackers or Pretzels
- Granola Type Snack Bars
- Lemonade / Iced Tea Mix
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Bubbles
- Sunscreen
- Backpacks
- Crayons, Colored Pencils
- Binders
- Folders
- Pencils
- Single Subject Notebooks

Save the Dates

Join together with a church friends for a casual backyard dinner.

Dinner and dessert will be provided.

All ages are welcome!

[Sign Up Here.](#)



THE TIME TO GIVE BLOOD

IS NOW

Blood Drive

CPC is hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Wednesday, September 8 from 11 am – 4 pm.

To register go to www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code ClintonPres.



CPC will be serving with Family Promise from September 12 through 19. It will be very different than previous years due to COVID. We will not be hosting families/guests; they will be staying at the Sonesta Hotel in Somerset. Our only responsibility will be to purchase groceries on Thursday, September 9 and deliver them on Sunday, September 12. Guests will be doing their own cooking. If you would like to be involved in the shopping or delivery, please contact Rick Hyman.

Thank you!

CPC Interns

Where are they now?

IAN CLARK 2016



Hi friends! After graduating from seminary in 2018 I spent three years serving as a pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. In early March of this year my wife, Kaitlin, and I welcomed a beautiful daughter, Maeve, into our family. We couldn't be happier! I left Covenant in May to (finally!) answer God's call to active duty military chaplaincy in the US Navy/Marine Corps. This summer I am up in Newport, RI for training. Once I graduate (in August) I'll report to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island (Beaufort, SC) where I'll serve as a chaplain to the young men and women who are training to be Marines.

MARY MORROW 2017

Since graduating from seminary in May 2020, my primary enterprise during the pandemic has been learning how to be married and cohabitate with my spouse, Brian. It has been a pleasure to grow in love and understanding through this unique time. In August, I will begin a chaplain residency at Memorial Sloan Kettering cancer hospital in Manhattan. For one year I will practice the skills required to provide nourishing spiritual care to patients. I'm looking forward to what this opportunity may spark.



MELISSA (MEL) TEMPLE 2018



Greetings CPC! I graduated this past May with dual MDiv and MA degrees in Christian Education and Spiritual Formation and certificates in Women and Gender and Ecologies of Faith Formation. It feels good to finally have those diplomas but I'll also miss being a student! Currently I am a candidate for ordination and am working part time for the seminary as well as running my own tutoring business. This summer I will be spending time with family, participating in an ethics fellowship in Germany/Poland to study the leadership decisions of clergy leading up to WWII, and applying for chaplaincy jobs. I am grateful that CPC was a part of my seminary journey and look forward to worshipping again with you all whenever I am back in New Jersey.

KRISTY WOODROW 2020

Hi everyone! I am going into my final year at Princeton Seminary (yay!). This summer I am working at the library here, spending time with my family and home church, and also spending lots of quality time with my friends and cats! In the fall I am starting another internship - this time at Metuchen Presbyterian Church with their youth program. Over this year I hope to narrow down my call so that I know what I will be doing come graduation!



July Birthdays

- 4 Jens Duerr, Andrew Jackle
- 6 Laurel Kelly
- 10 Maryjean Riou
- 11 Tara Nuzzo
- 12 Omar Ahmed, Nicholas Perez
- 14 Patricia Gray, Linda Schipmann-Pustai
- 16 Margaret Blaus, Jack Kvarata
- 17 Destiny Ross
- 21 Phoebe Roth
- 24 Lauren Salemo
- 26 Bill Anthony
- 27 Ruth Christie
- 31 Candice Pozarycki

July Anniversaries

- 4 Ross and Megan Traphagen
- 8 Jason & Rosemary Sudol
- 11 Jason and Brenda Krushinski
- 14 Mark and Sharon Holmsborg,
Brian and Tina Martin
- 26 Joseph and Gail LaSpada



August Birthdays

- 2 Heather Kelly
- 3 Caroline Paul, Evelyn Voget
- 5 Eileen Mansfield, Will Spencer
- 11 Lee Longell, Judi Sifuentes
- 13 Jessica Bruno
- 15 Evan Christopher
- 16 Sarah Kelly
- 17 Doug Martin
- 18 Ralph Marsh
- 20 Nancy Paul
- 22 Madelyn Ahmed
- 24 Quinn Bruno
- 26 Cathy Nace, Leanne Treese
- 27 Kristen Madriz
- 29 Michelle Annese
- 31 Levente Pusztai

August Anniversaries

- 1 Lawrence and Karen Kursar
- 4 Dan and Tara Nuzzo
- 7 Jim and Linda Pustai
- 8 Brian and Michelle Annese
- 14 Jake and Leanne Treese
- 17 Brian and Amey Barnes,
Andrew and Megan Kvarata
- 22 Bill and Tammy Warner
- 24 Tom and Adrienne Hodulik
- 25 Omar and Victoria Ahmed,
Roger and Jeri Twigg
- 26 Dave and Cindy Boyer
- 27 Greg and Alice Korab