

HE HAS RISEN

April News from CPC

Updates and
Highlights from
Clinton Presbyterian
Church

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

A number of us have been reading through Kate Bowler's devotional book, *Good Enough*, this Lenten season. As I shared with Session at our March meeting, one short chapter, "Small Things, Great Love", stayed with me. There we read about a woman named St. Therese of Lisieux. Born in France in 1873, she committed her life to a religious order when she was just a teenager. However, like many young women of her time, she suffered from tuberculosis which would claim her life when she was just 24. When she learned of her illness, with its inevitable outcome, she decided that her ordinary life, though limited in both scope and span, would be lived with limitless love. She once wrote, "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

It is for her little yet consistent acts of love that Therese was remembered and ultimately granted sainthood. Her charge is one for us to remember in these days as we emerge from the pandemic, conclude our capital campaign, celebrate Easter in our sanctuary for the first time since 2019, and seek to find new ways of being the church in and for our community. There is no roadmap for the living of these days, but Therese's words provide a light for the way. As we walk into God's future, celebrating the power of Resurrection still at work in our lives and in our world, let's be a people known for our limitless love. In small yet faithful acts of service, generosity and worship, let us reflect the love of Jesus.

Looking forward in Hope,

Tracey

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Sunday Morning Worship, Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Worship on Sundays

We continue to worship both online and in-person each Sunday morning at 9:30am. If you are joining us via livestream, you can find us at our [YouTube Channel](#).

On **April 3** we will mark the last Sunday of Lent as we share in communion with one another and reflect on Jesus act of washing the disciples' feet.

We'll also take up a "noisy offering" from our kids!



Palm Sunday April 10

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 14 Soup Supper at 6pm

Family friendly soup supper and worship in Fellowship Hall, recalling Jesus' last supper with his disciples. To help us prepare for dinner please RSVP to office4cpc@gmail.com by April 12.

Good Friday April 15

Children's Gathering at 10am

Join us for crafts, stories and snacks. Time is geared towards kids 5th grade and younger.

Tenebrae Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary

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

Easter April 17 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.

Lent Devotionals

If you are looking for a short devotional to read each day of Lent, look no further. Each week we'll provide a copy of the devotional provided by the Presbyterian Outlook, "Making the Road." Copies will be available in worship and also in the weekly Sunday email.

Choir Rehearsals

The Praise Team, Chancel Choir and Bell Choir have all resumed regular rehearsals and they would love to welcome others to join them. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts, please contact Ted Brancato at ted4cpc@gmail.com.

Want to Help with Worship?

Everyone is invited to join us in worship leadership.

Children's Conversation

contact Tracey:

tracey4cpc@gmail.com

Liturgist - contact Judy Beck

Greeter

contact Linda Schipmann-Pustai

Live streaming support

contact Ted Brancato:

ted4cpc@gmail.com

Generation to Generation 2022 Capital Campaign



As we have gathered for worship over the last few weeks, we have had an opportunity to reflect on all the ways that we have seen God at work in our lives. We have filled the walls with gratitude cards from people of all ages and we have been deeply moved by the “Cardboard Testimonies” of members of our congregation. By the power of the Spirit, lives have been transformed at CPC for almost 200 years and we are moving boldly into the future trusting that God will be at work here for generations to come.

To learn more the projects included in the campaign, [please click here](#), to access a detailed brochure. The first of three home gatherings was held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 27 and two more are planned for the start of this month – Friday April 1 at the Manse (105 Center Street) and Saturday April 2 at the Bruno’s home (6 Glen View Drive, Annandale). It’s not too late to join us – [just sign up here](#).

On Sunday, April 10, we will joyfully offer up our commitments to this campaign, both prayerful and financial, during the worship service.

On Sunday, May 1, we welcome the offering of our First Fruits - the first installment of our pledged gifts for the campaign.

Celebration Sunday will take place on May 15.

We’ll announce and give thanks for the total commitments received so far for the campaign and we will also pause to celebrate this season of generosity in church life. We’re planning on an outdoor meal, some music and plenty of fun for all ages.

To take another look at our cardboard testimonies, view a sample commitment card or revisit any other details about our plans, please visit the capital campaign page on the [website](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Campaign Leadership Team at generations4cpc@gmail.com.

“Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.” 2 Timothy 1:14

Children's Ministry

Pre-K thru 5th Grade

Sunday School Schedule

April 3 Regular class - Music practice for Palm Sunday 11:20 – 11:40 am

April 10 Palm Sunday Procession / Children's Chorus in worship
(please arrive at CPC by 9:00 for music practice)

Regular class (until 11:15) Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15 am

April 17 Happy Easter! No Sunday School

April 24 Regular class

** Remember to meet your teachers in Fellowship Hall at 10:40 am **



We invite you to attend worship on April 10. Our little ones will celebrate with a palm procession and our Children's Chorus will sing at the start of the Palm Sunday service. Sunday School then begins at 10:40. We will end class early to allow for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15 am.



PreK – 5th Grade Families: Mark your calendars for our annual egg hunt on Sunday, April 10. At 11:15 am, pick up your children from Sunday School in Fellowship Hall and meet on the front lawn. We will gather on the steps for a group photo. Bring your own Easter bag or basket to carry your eggs.



Don't miss our Good Friday Children's Gathering on April 15 at 10:00 am. Kids - Join us for crafts, stories and snacks.



We encourage families to celebrate together in worship. While there will be no formal nursery care on Easter morning, the nursery will be open and available for any parents who wish to spend time in the room with their children. There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.



Sunday Funday (4th - 7th Graders)

We will meet on Sunday, April 10 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm right after Sunday School in Fellowship Hall.

Children's Ministry

Pre-K thru 5th Grade

Sunday School resumed last month and the kids are glad to be back!



Nursery Volunteers

We all know that God is everywhere, but did you ever think about God being in the nursery on Sunday mornings? Can you imagine God playing in the nursery with our CPC children? God would be great at play dough and blocks considering God created everything, and who could better cuddle a baby doll than God who loves us all so much? When we spend time with our church children, we also spend time with God. We need additional nursery volunteers to serve during our May through August rotation. The commitment is small - just 1 or 2 Sundays. If you have older children, you are welcome to bring them to the nursery when you volunteer. If interested, please contact Kim Darcy or anyone on the Children's Ministry team, preferably by April 15th. Thanks so much to all our wonderful volunteers who help out with our wee ones in the nursery.



Youth Ministry

Spring is HERE! We are praying that your family has stayed healthy and happy during these times. March was a fast and busy month for our CHAOS and Confirmation crew! Our Confirmation class got to dive in to a lot of lessons to guide their faith journey. We took communion together, had important and impactful conversations, laughed a lot, and talked about what it means to truly be part of the Church...not just within our CPC walls, but outside as well. Our Chaos Crew has been happy to be back in full swing. Lots of games and lots of laughs - new friends and old - it's been a joy to build a safe, welcoming space for our youth!

We will meet in April, and the beginning of May to round out the school year. We are keeping a close eye on CDC guidelines to best keep our students and volunteers safe. Check out the April and May dates below!

We are truly excited to see what God will do with our time together as we go forward. We're seriously having so much fun & we are so grateful to have y'all along for the ride with us!



Sunday School for 6th & 7th Grade

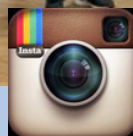
Gather in the downstairs Den for some great chats about God, the world and our lives. Teachers: Paul Morrissette and Bob Tombs

Confirmation (Grades 8, 9, & 10)

The class will consist of Sunday morning faith discussion time, service projects and special guest speakers. Meet in the Wolverton Building.

6th & 7th Grade Students are invited to join in the Sunday Funday get together on April 10.

**8th Grade & Up Chaos Dates:
7:00 - 8:00 pm
April 3, May 1**



Follow us on Instagram! @chaosyouthministry

Mission Ministry

Spring Cleaning Baskets Collection - Items due by May 29

We are collecting items that will help women who are graduating from the program, which will serve two different needs: one for women moving from "half-way house to three-quarter house" and women moving from either "half-way or three-quarter housing to independent living". When a woman is graduating, she will receive a basket full of items that fit the need of either moving into "three-quarter housing" or "independent living".

NOTE: When shopping for the items below, please make sure that the items contain little to no alcohol. A good rule of thumb is making sure that if any alcohol is listed within the ingredients, that it is not within the first 5 listed ingredients. For some of the items, there are brands listed below that are deemed "safe" to purchased.

If you would like to support us in this mission project, please drop off any of the collection items listed below. We also have an [online](#) sign up.

Items Wanted

- Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets
- Toilet Paper (Individually Wrapped Packs)
- Cleaning Wipes (Alcohol-Free or Lysol or Clorox)
- Disinfectant Spray (Alcohol-Free or Lysol or Clorox)
- Sponges / Scouring Pads
- Laundry Basket
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner (Alcohol-Free or Lysol or Clorox)
- All-Purpose Cleaner (Alcohol-Free or Lysol or Clorox)
- Paper Towels (Individually Wrapped Packs)
- Broom & Dustpan, Mop
- Dish Soap
- Dish Towels, Potholders

Thank you all for your generous support of this Mission project!



About Anderson House

Anderson House (part of the Turning Point organization) is a well-respected halfway house program serving women recovering from alcoholism and drug addiction and their co-occurring mental health disorders. Anderson House serves women from all New Jersey counties.

Their mission is to provide quality treatment to women and help them develop the life skills and goal-building techniques they need to return to the community as responsible, sober, and productive individuals.

To learn more about Anderson House, please check out their website:

<https://www.turningpointnj.org/about-us/anderson-house/>

Item Drop Off Information

Please drop off all items in either the laundry baskets located in the back of the sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall or place the items in the big container on the side porch. All items are due by Sunday, May 29th.

Questions/Help

Questions? Please reach out to either Christina Schlegel or Colleen Duerr. For online sign-up help, please reach out to Christina Schlegel.

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 15** 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 for more information. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve those in need!

Once again, we are looking for dorm-sized fridges to give to clients of the Flemington Food Pantry who are staying at hotels without any refrigeration.

The fridges we collected most recently have all been distributed and received with gratitude. Please contact Courtney Morrissette to coordinate pickup.

Thank you!

Mini-Fridge Ministry

Help us partner with the Flemington Area Food Pantry to provide mini-fridges to those who are housed in motels and hotels.



WANT TO HELP...

1. *Donate a Fridge*
(we can arrange pick-up/drop off time)
2. *Deliver a Fridge*
(we'll add you to our list of drivers and call you as needed)

Email the church office
(office4cpc@gmail.com)
for more info



Clinton Presbyterian Church

Our Community Impact

The Mission team would like to share the wonderful thank you messages we have received from our 2021 disbursements to organizations. The disbursements served both local organizations (79%) and national / international organizations (21%).

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!



October 4, 2021

Clinton Presbyterian Church
Attn: Colleen Duerr
91 Center Street
Clinton, NJ 08809

Dear Colleen,

On behalf of the board and staff of the Turning Point, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$250.00. With your support, Turning Point will continue to help those in need by providing treatment that they would not have otherwise been able to attain, facilitating programs and improving the treatment experience for all those who have come to us for help.

Your donation supports New Jersey men and women struggling to break the devastating cycle of addiction and will be used to continue the programs and services for treatment direly needed. Because of donors like you, we can continue our mission of providing compassionate treatment for substance use and their co-occurring disorders. We seek to reduce the stigma associated with addiction and mental illness. Our priority is to treat all those who seek our help.

As a 501c3 tax-exempt charitable organization, your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. For tax purposes, our Federal Identification Number is 22-2046926. No goods or services were given in exchange for this donation.

Thank you again for your support. If you need any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 973-239-9400 ext. 167 or dknill@turningpointnj.org.

Sincerely,


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Colleen Duerr
Clinton Presbyterian Church
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Clinton NJ, 08809

Dear Colleen and Congregation,

Thank you for your generous \$250.00 donation on 9/12/2021 to CASA SHaW.

Your generosity Changed A Child's Story today. A child like Ashleigh.

When Ashleigh was born, the doctor found narcotics in her tiny, little body. This is, unfortunately, not uncommon in the world of foster care. Ashleigh was immediately removed from her biological parents. After she was discharged from the hospital, she was placed into foster care. This was the only way to ensure her safety as a baby.

These babies, like all the other children we serve, need someone they can count on throughout the year. Your gift will make sure that the most vulnerable babies and children in our region receive the help they need and deserve. Having the support of a CASA volunteer who understands the urgent developmental needs of infants and babies will ensure these children not only survive, but thrive.

When you make a donation to CASA, you become a partner in our child advocacy mission. Because of you, we are able visit the children in their foster homes, we submit reports to the court, and we advocate for needed services. We ensure that the children's needs are identified and that services are put into place to help them. With your donation, you, in essence, Change a Child's Story. Because of you, we are there for the children who need a caring, stable adult in their lives. For this, we thank you.

We are very grateful to you for your support of our program and thank you wholeheartedly for your continued partnership with us. Our volunteers cannot fulfill our advocacy mission without you. Again, please accept our heartfelt thanks for being an everyday hero on behalf of vulnerable children.

Kindest Regards,


Ellen Davis
Director of Development
EIN# 20-2625203

*Thank you
so much!*

Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent that the law allows. No goods or services, in whole or in part, were provided in exchange for this contribution. CASA SHaW is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN# 20-2625203. Please save this letter as your receipt for tax purposes.

CPC Preschool

Spring is here and our preschoolers are blooming and growing in so many ways.

In March, Miss Cathy's threes were visited by Officer Kyle and Firefighter Paul, two of our dads, who came in to tell us about their jobs as first responders. On St. Patrick's Day, Pastor Tracey read a funny story, How to Catch a Leprechaun. Unfortunately, we did not have any luck doing so.



The children love books, especially when Miss Judy comes in to read to them each month. Miss Betty Ann and Sophie visit us also and the children love the music and calm they bring. The children sing, spend "doggie time" with Sophie and watch her perform tricks.



It was a busy month. Playing "Musical Shamrocks", hunting for and counting gold coins, drawing rainbows and reading books by Dr. Seuss to learn colors and rhyming words filled the days with fun.



Miss Jill's fours have been eagerly learning everything about dinosaurs! Digging for dinosaurs, making fossils of dinosaurs, painting, reading about and pretending to be dinosaurs in the playground, and still they couldn't get enough dinosaur. During the week of St. Patrick's Day, a leprechaun trap was made. Again...no luck catching him. Gold coins were found and counted, shamrocks were painted, rainbows were created and the children designed their own Pete the Cat using different shapes in blue.



In March we registered two new three-year-olds who have added even more joy to this kind, loving group. Registration for next year opened in February and we have full enrollment in our fours program. There are still a few openings in our threes...please spread the word!

April Birthdays

- 2 Debra Jackle, Parker Warren,
Mia Wehrenberg
- 3 August Dougherty, Julia Morrisette,
Erica Tunney
- 4 Beth Ballentine
- 6 Davis Henry, Melanie Kreutel
- 7 Brenda Krushinski
- 8 Foster Barnes
- 9 Jeff Hazelette
- 10 Tom Brankner, Steven Kotopoulos
- 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 Makenzie Holmsborg, Andrew Westlin

April Anniversaries

- 3 Ken and Kimberly Westlin
- 17 Ryan and Dana Kelly
- 21 Chris and Deirdre Blaus
- 23 Jens and Colleen Duerr
- 24 Andrew and Cathy Edelsberg

Benefit Concert for Ukraine, sponsored by Bethlehem Presbyterian Church

On Thursday, April 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM, Bethlehem Presbyterian Church (2 Race Street, Pittstown NJ) will hold a Benefit Concert for disaster assistance in the Ukraine. As the violence continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. Funds raised will be used for emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc.

Join them for an evening of music and song as local artists share their gifts and talents in an effort to help provide aid to those who have been affected by this war. A reception with light refreshments will follow the benefit concert. This will give all in attendance a time to fellowship with one another. They will accept cash or checks made out to BPC. Additionally, contributions can be made directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance either online or by mail (100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202). All financial donations generated from this event will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program to provide emergency humanitarian aid within Ukraine and for the refugees beyond the Ukrainian border. Join them in praying for a peaceful solution and an end to the violence.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church is offering scholarships for college juniors, seniors or graduate students. The scholarships are granted to aid education at an accredited college, university or seminary for individuals dedicated to working in “helping professions”, such as the pastorate, psychology, psychiatry, medicine, nursing, law and social work. Members of the Highlands Presbytery are eligible and can obtain applications in the church house by calling 908-766-1616 or from their website (www.brpc.org). Applications are due May 1, 2022

