



February News from CPC

Updates and Highlights from Clinton Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

As January gives way to February, I think of Valentine's Day. And of course, Valentine's Day makes me think of love. Deeper than cards and flowers, what rings in my ears are Paul's words to the church at Corinth.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." [1 Corinthians 13]

It strikes me that most of us want to be loved, just as we want to be people who love and love well. And the church is a place that can serve as a sort of rehearsal space where we get to learn and practice and finetune the art of loving others.

I am reminded of a cartoon that pictures a preacher at the pulpit and a deacon sitting behind him with a grumpy expression on his face. The preacher says, "So until next Sunday, remember that God loves you, I love you, and Brother Al here is working on it."

The reality is that loving one another does require some work, some effort, some practice. Doing our best, sometimes falling short, then trying again. And it's not always easy. Yet, loving one another is the very command of Christ. As William Sloane Coffin once wrote: "If Christ is God's love in person on earth, churches ought to be God's love in an organization on earth. If love is what it's all about, where are we going to celebrate this love unless in community with loving people? Essentially what a church or temple ought to be is a community of loving people who believe that our lives consist of an abundance of love - not of an abundance of possessions."

Friends, may we be that kind of church - may we love one another abundantly as we grow in number and in grace! Happy Valentine's Day!

In Christ's love,

Tracey

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Sunday Mornings at CPC

Throughout the month of February we'll be journeying through the Gospel of Matthew from Sunday to Sunday, listening in to parts of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount", asking what it means to be salt and light in our world today and making that high climb to the Mount of Transfiguration.

Don't forget - Communion Sunday is February 5

Boy Scout Sunday

Boy Scout Troop 121 will help to lead us in worship on **Sunday, February 5**. Please join us to welcome them and learn more about the Troop's activities throughout the year.



Souper Bowl of Caring

On Super Bowl Sunday (**February 12**) we will be collecting money and cans of soup. Our kids will be donating all cans and money to the Flemington Area Food Pantry. They'll be collecting your donations in giant soup pots as you leave the sanctuary -help them fill their pots of the brim. To read more about the Souper Bowl of Caring, visit www.tacklehunger.org. Don't forget to wear the jersey of your favorite team to the worship service. Thank you!



Sunday Morning Study

Bible Basics for Adults/The Gospel of John

Sunday mornings at 10:40 am in the "computer" room. This weekly bible study class is for beginners and longtime students of the Bible alike. We are working our way through the Gospel of John as we grow in faith and community with one another. Come & go as you are able. This class will meet on **February 5, 12 & 19**.

For information on programs for youth and kids, please see pages 3 and 4.



Mission Spotlight:

Housing in Hunterdon



LEARN: On **Sunday, February 26**, Laura Tonzetich from Family Promise will join us after worship for a forum focusing on the joys and challenges that lie ahead in 2023 as this organization works to open The Promise Center. We have been partners with Family Promise for many years now and look forward to learning how we might continue to work alongside them as they begin this new chapter.

GO see page 4 for how you can assist Family Promise friends later this month.



Lent begins
on
February 22
see page 9
for all the
details

Sunday Mornings at CPC

January Recap

In the month of January we celebrated Epiphany and our kids helped us to “Chalk our Doors” for 2023.

(Pick up your very own star word at the back of the Sanctuary if you missed this service.) We also remembered the baptism of Jesus and had the joy of celebrating the baptism of Darcy Mae Schlegel.

On January 19, we had our annual Congregational Meeting - thank you to everyone who attended.

If you need a copy of the Annual Report, [click here](#).



New Members

We love to welcome new faces to our church family on a regular basis. Our next New Members Class will be on Wednesday, **February 15 at 7 PM** via zoom. New members will be received in worship on Sunday, February 26. Please reach out to Tracey at tracey4cpc@gmail.com if you want to be a part of this group.

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Bell Choir will begin rehearsing on **February 15 at 6pm**.

We will not rehearse on February 22 because that is Ash Wednesday, but will rehearse every Wednesday after that, beginning with March 1st (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) in preparation for a performance on Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating and are available to attend most of the rehearsals and the Palm Sunday service.

You can contact me at ted4cpc@gmail.com.



Mission

CPC SERVES



FEBRUARY 10-14

CPC Mission Trip Heads to Ft Myers

From **February 10-14**, a group representing CPC will be serving with All Hands and Hearts in Florida. You are invited to support their efforts in two ways:

1. Pray for Robin, Colleen, Paige and Tracey and the other volunteers with whom they will be serving. Also, pray for the homeowners whose properties have been affected and who are still living in transition.
2. Donate to help support the ongoing work of All Hands and Hearts. We have a team fundraising page and all contributions received will go directly to the organization. Please give as you are able by going to their website [here](#).
3. Consider organizing your own trip to help out in these recovery efforts. The All Hands and Hearts website has fantastic information about their work in multiple locations. If you couldn't make this trip happen, maybe you can make it happen another time!

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. On Friday, **February 17** 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!



Family Promise

We are responsible for providing and delivering meals or gift cards to Family Promise families for the week of **February 26 to March 4**. Most of the delivery will take place on Saturday, February 25. Robin Meyh sent an email out to all who have participated before. If you do not receive this email and would like to participate, please contact Robin.

A grocery list will be provided for us just days before our week begins. If you are able to help with grocery shopping, gift cards or food delivery, please contact Robin. Thank you!



Don't Walk By - February 18

Don't Walk By is an annual outreach to people experiencing homelessness in New York City. Volunteer teams canvass the streets and subway stations of Manhattan looking to meet our neighbors in need. Volunteer teams meet new friends on the street and invite them to lunch at a host site.

Here guests are offered a meal and a range of additional items and services such as clothing, basic medical care, overnight hospitality at a partner facility, and the option to enter longer term programs.

If you would like more details about this opportunity and the CPC team, please contact Dave Kelly.



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!



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October 4, 2022

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Dear Clinton Presbyterian Congregants,

We cannot thank you enough for your contribution of \$500 to support Family Promise of Hunterdon County. Your gift will go a long way in helping better the lives of under-resourced families in Hunterdon County. As a volunteer-powered organization, we rely on your generosity to provide much-needed services to children and families. These gifts help us to achieve our mission and facilitate successful outcomes.

Our residential support services remain our core program and a fantastic example of neighbors helping neighbors succeed. In addition, we manage a highly effective prevention program to help keep community members who are facing eviction as well as a rapid re-housing program to help re-house families quickly. Our programs are made stronger with Mental Health, Financial Empowerment, and Neighbors in Need programs. We are a comprehensive support agency, but we could not do what we do without you.

Family Promise of Hunterdon County's desire is for our families to maintain long-term stability. Thank you for choosing to give to our mission. We are grateful that you made our families a priority.

Sincerely,

Angela Fields
Executive Director

We wish to state, herein, that no goods or services were received by you in exchange for this contribution.



October 11, 2022

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Dear Friends at Clinton Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of our entire team and the communities we serve, I want to personally thank you for your generous gift. Our work would not be possible without your commitment to community inspired, volunteer-powered disaster relief.

With your support, All Hands and Hearts has directly helped over 1.2 million people whose lives have been disrupted by earthquakes, fires and storms of every kind. We are devoted to focusing on the greatest needs and collaborating with local, national, and international partners in solving for the long term.

Again, thank you for including All Hands and Hearts in your charitable giving.

With gratitude,

Jessica Thompson
Chief Executive Officer

Gift Date	Donor Name	Designated Fund	Amount
10/3/2022	Clinton Presbyterian Church	Disaster Relief Fund	\$250.00

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Donations are tax-deductible; our 501(c)3 ID # is 20-3414952.
We acknowledge that no goods or services were provided or exchanged for this donation.

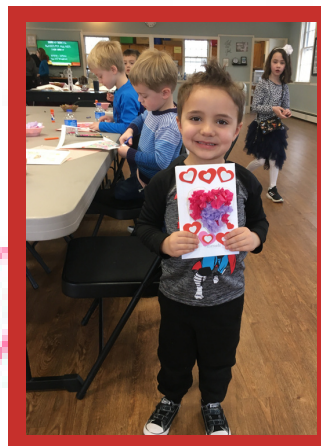
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Dear Friends at the Clinton Presbyterian Church,
We, at All Hands and Hearts, are deeply humbled and grateful for your recent donation to our efforts to help and serve communities in the throws of disaster. While we have a number of programs going on across the U.S., the Caribbean and the world, our newest program, in Port Charlotte, Florida, is taking much of our attention. Our plan is to commit to a 12-month program, longer if funds allow. We will include you in receiving our annual report so you can see the work that your donation supports.
Warmly and with best wishes,
Christine Baer

Children's Ministry



Children share God's love by making homemade Valentines for local nursing home residents.



Youth Ministry

Our confirmation class continues to meet from week to week in preparation for Confirmation Sunday.

In late January, they continued a CPC confirmation tradition by exploring the Bell Tower and signing their names there for posterity!

On March 18 they look forward to a Confirmation Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg.

PS – If you are exploring Summer Camp options for your kids or teens, check out the wide range of programming Johnsonburg has to offer:

<https://www.campjburg.org/>



Chaos Youth Group(9th–12th Graders)

On February 5th, the Chaos crew will be joining other church friends for the Pot Luck Dinner and Game Night at 5 pm. CHAOS meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 7-8pm. There's games, snacks, service opportunities and more – join us! For more information, contact Maggie Bell.

Fellowship at CPC



Come join us for a family-friendly Pot Luck and Game Night on **Sunday, February 5th at 5pm.**

We are looking forward to trying each other's delicious dishes and playing some fun games.

It's not too late to join us!



Ladies' Night at Chirp

Join us on Sunday, March 5th 5:00-6:30pm at the Chirp Workshop in Flemington for a fun ladies' night out!

We will enjoy a craft, food and fellowship.

The cost per person is \$35. Please **RSVP and send money (venmo, zelle, check or cash) to Jes Bruno by Sunday, February 12th.**



Guys' Day Out @ Top Golf

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 26th at 12pm.**

The guys will be headed out to Top Golf in Edison for an afternoon of food and fun! Golf experience is not required.

We will leave from the church and head to Edison where we will have 2 hours in as many golf bays as we need.

Please **RSVP by February 23rd** so that we can book the number of bays that we need. RSVP to Jes Bruno.



Sight and Sound Trip

In coordination with Flemington Baptist Church, we will be taking a trip to Sight and Sound to see Moses on **Saturday, April 1st.** The show is at 3:00 pm. We have reserved a certain amount of tickets and the show is already sold out, so in order to get your ticket, please RSVP to Jes Bruno and let her know if you need to carpool ASAP.



Looking Ahead to Lent



This Lent, you are invited to **Gather, Grow and Give** as we move through this Holy Season.

Gather for Worship

Ash Wednesday – We'll begin our Lenten observances together on Ash Wednesday, February 22, with a worship service in the Sanctuary at 7pm. Join us for this reflective time to remember God's grace and forgiveness.

Sunday Worship - we'll worship each Sunday at 9:30am

Holy Week – on Maundy Thursday, add date, we'll gather for a Dinner Church at 6pm

On *Good Friday*, April 7, we'll have a Gathering for Children at 10am and a Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary at 7pm

Grow in Faith

Join a 4-week Small Group

This year, our Small Groups will read through Henri Nouwen's *Return of the Prodigal Son*. Nouwen's work looks at the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the vantage point of the younger son, the older son and the father. It's a perfect read for Lent. Sign up for small group time that is good for you either in church or online [here](#). Copies of the book are available in Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$14 or you can purchase a copy online.

Read a Daily Devotional

Copies of the Lent Devotional from *The Presbyterian Outlook* will be available each week of Lent, beginning at the end of February. These will be available in the bulletin and in the weekly email.

Pray Often

Lent is a season to be more intentional in prayer. Make daily prayer a habit for these 40 days. Set a timer on your phone to remind you!

Give with Love

Give of your time and talent to serve others this Lent. See page 4 for details about how to serve with City Relief and Family Promise.

On Palm Sunday, we're getting our whole church together to serve. Plan to join us after worship and participate in some hands-on service projects for all ages to bless our community. More details to come!

February Birthdays

- 1 Dick Farrell
- 2 Nancy Hovey
- 4 Eleanor Blaus, Jill Prakopcyk
- 6 Ava Crespo
- 8 Brady Krushinski
- 10 Daniel Prakopcyk
- 11 Jordan Tombs
- 12 Freddie Sifuentes, Diane Wirth
- 13 Owen Plimpton
- 14 Hudson Pearson, Karen Sauers
- 16 Hannah Duerr
- 18 Ellery Spencer
- 19 Ben Dougherty, Janet Vitanza
- 21 Martha LaValette
- 22 Bob Miller
- 24 Roger Twigg
- 25 Audrey Dadouris
- 26 Lisa Heilman, Ryan Seiffert
- 28 John Perez

February Anniversaries

- 14 Reed and Karen Heine

Per Capita for 2023

The 2023 Per Capita apportionment for each member of CPC is **\$42.50**. This is the amount that we remit to the Presbytery each year. You may satisfy your family's per capita contribution by:

- Writing a check and mailing it to the Church office (Note "Per Capita" in the memo line)
OR
- Giving through our online donation site and writing "Per Capita" in the Notes box at the bottom of the page.

The link to give online can be found on our website www.clintonpresbyterian.net. Just click on the "Giving" tab at the top right and then click on "Give Now".

Help us reach our goal in 2023!

First Sunday of Lent
February 26

Palm Sunday
April 2

Easter Sunday
April 9

