

# Summer Notes Clinton Presbyterian Church

## A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God  
This summer  
In whatever you do  
Wherever you go

Walking with God means...  
Walking with honesty  
And with courage,  
Walking with love  
And respect  
And concern  
for the feelings of others

May you talk to God  
This summer  
And every day and  
In every situation

Talking with God means...  
Praying words of praise  
For the beauty of creation  
Saying prayers of thanks  
For friends and good times,  
Asking God's help  
In all your decisions  
Expressing sorrow  
When you have failed

May you talk with God  
Every day. Amen.

- Author unknown

## July/August 2022

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# Worship this Summer

## Outdoor Worship this Summer

Join us on the second Sunday of July, August and September for outdoor worship.

Bring a lawn chair and join us in the parking lot as we worship together. We are lining up some special musical treats!

July 10, August 14 and September 11



### Lemonade on the Lawn

Come join us after worship for some drinks, snacks and fellowship outdoors this summer! We are looking for families or groups of 2 people to sign up to host in front of the church for the summer months.

Want to sign up? Contact Jessica Bruno



### Busy Bags are back!

Busy bags are back for our kids to use during worship. Filled with quiet activities they are perfect for our youngest disciples as they join us from Sunday to Sunday.

Grab a bag from the back or the front of the sanctuary and simply put it back on the stand before you leave.

### Want to Help with Worship?

Everyone is invited to join us in worship leadership.

Children's Conversation - contact Tracey:

Liturgist - contact Judy Beck:

Usher - contact Linda Schipmann-Pustai:

Live streaming support - [coted4cpc@gmail.com](mailto:coted4cpc@gmail.com)

### Celtic Psalms in Concert at Clinton Presbyterian

Wednesday July 13 at 7pm

Rev. Kiran Young Wimberly, a PC(USA) minister living and working in Northern Ireland (and a familiar face at CPC) and the McGraths, a Northern Irish family, have come together to create a stunning collection of new music, the words of the Psalms set to traditional Irish melodies. This summer they will launch their fourth album, May We Rise. This hour-long concert at CPC is suitable for all ages and will be followed by a time of refreshments.

**Suggested donations:** \$10 adults, \$5 for kids (ages 5 and under free).

To hear songs from their previous albums please visit:

[www.celticpsalms.com](http://www.celticpsalms.com).

This concert is sponsored by the Worship and Music Ministry Team.

All proceeds benefit the Halstead Street Park Revitalization Project.

Celtic  
Psalms  
May We Rise



Kiran Young Wimberly & The McGraths

Wednesday, 13th July 2022

7pm

Clinton Presbyterian Church

91 Center Street, Clinton NJ

No tickets required.

Suggested Donation (at door) \$10 adults, \$5 kids over 5

# Fun in the Sun - Special Events for Kids & Adults



## VBS

July 18-22 at CPC

5:30 – 8:00 PM

Ages 3 through 5th Grade

A light dinner

will be served each night.

Registration for Vacation Bible School is now **OPEN!** 43 kids have already signed up to be a part of this adventure – and we have plenty of room for more!

All kids from preschool thru 5th grade are invited to join in the fun.

Sign up today and invite a friend!

Register here:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/3ba45d> or scan the QR code below.

We are looking for volunteers of all ages.

Do you like to cook, act, play with kids, teach or just have some fun? Well, this is the spot for you! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Jessica Bruno or Jill Prakopcyk and they can plug you into a spot that is just right for you.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

August 28 during Worship

Bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 28th

for a special *Blessing of the Backpacks*.

## Deacons on the Move

Join your Deacons on The Move for music on Main Street in Clinton every Friday night at 7 PM, weather permitting. We will meet in front of the Stone Bean coffee shop. Deacons on The Move will also be attending Music Under the Stars at Deer Path Park, Flemington on July 14, 21 and 28, and August 4 from 7-9 PM, weather permitting. We will meet near home plate by the baseball field – bring your chairs for both events. We hope you will join us and if you have any questions, please contact Tracey Bardecker (908) 501-8393.

**Join our own Ted Brancato and his band for Brew at the Zoo on Saturday, July 9 from 6 - 9PM at Turtle Back Zoo**

Please view the link for more details:

<https://zoologicalsocietyofnj.org/events/brew-at-the-zoo-2022/>

## Flat Jesus is Back!

As you take him on adventures this summer, send us photos to share on our social media! Go to our [website](#), click on the Summer Happenings button and you'll be able to get a copy of Flat Jesus you can print out. There will also be copies at the back of the Sanctuary. Send your favorite snaps to: [office4cpc@gmail.com](mailto:office4cpc@gmail.com)



At church in Portland with the Dornbusch guys!

## Summer Outing at Sunken Silo

Join us for our next Summer outing on Saturday, July 16th at Sunken Silo. We will meet at 7:00pm under the tent outside. Cover is \$5.00 - please plan to bring cash. We ask that everyone bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Other items may be purchased from Metropolitan Seafood. RSVP by July 10th to Jes Bruno

# Serving in the Summer

## Spring Cleaning Baskets Collection Update

We asked and you delivered! Spring Cleaning Baskets are on their way to Anderson House to help clients as they begin a new life! And you were so generous that we have more than enough supplies to put together more baskets as needed! **THANK YOU!**

In May, we collected items that would help women who are graduating from the program at Anderson House, 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”.

### 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/>



## Pedals for Progress Event Update

Our Pedals for Progress event was a great success on Saturday, June 18. We collected 35 bikes, 7 sewing machines and an additional \$820 to support this wonderful organization! Thanks to everyone who contributed and to Jens and Tristan for all their work!

**Pedals for Progress (P4P)** rescues bicycles that are destined for overburdened U.S. landfills and ships them to developing countries where they are sorely needed and highly valued. P4P bikes are put to work not only as basic transportation, but are used as a supplement to school and community programs. The bikes are adapted for use as trash haulers, produce trucks, taxis, and farm machinery. Soon after P4P was founded, they realized that sewing machines fit their mission as well: They provide a relatively simple way to improve economic circumstances and they often sit unused in the US. Since 1991 they have collected a total of 163,785 bikes and 5,523 sewing machines. Please visit their website <https://www.p4p.org/> to learn more.



# Serving in the Summer

We need volunteers to help attend our time slot with Grow-A-Row.

All ages are welcomed!

Monday, August 8 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

We won't know which farm or exactly the task that they will need help with until closer to the date. We need a head count by July 25th. If interested in signing up or if you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Ramos-Dominko

## About America's Grow-a-Row

Their mission is to positively impact as many lives as possible through a volunteer effort of planting, picking, rescuing, and delivering free fresh produce.

America's Grow-a-Row provides fresh, healthy produce to those in need, educates people of all generations about hunger and ways to help, introduces our youth to farming and healthy eating, cultivates in tomorrow's leaders the habit of giving back and contributes to the sustainability of agriculture.

To learn more about Grow-A-Row, please visit their website: [www.americasgrowarow.org](http://www.americasgrowarow.org)

## Food Pantry Donations

We continue to collect toiletries and non-perishable food for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton and the Flemington Food Pantry.

You can bring your donations to church and put them in the baskets by the door in front of the sanctuary. If you would like to provide cash, instead of actual items, there is an envelope in the baskets for that as well.

We thank you for your support.

The food pantry is always very appreciative of our donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Rick Hyman.

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# Financial Updates



## CPC Audit

We are happy to report that a recent external audit of our finances confirmed that everything is in order. Thanks to a great team of volunteers who work together with staff, our records are well organized and meticulously detailed. If anyone would like to see a copy of the audit report, please contact the church office at [office4cpc@gmail.com](mailto:office4cpc@gmail.com).



## Summer Giving

As you come and go this summer, we encourage you to stay as current as you are able with your stewardship offering to CPC. Pledged giving is at 79% year to date, slightly behind what we would anticipate. Online giving is a useful tool for many in our congregation. To set this up, head to [www.clintonpresbyterian.net/stewardship](http://www.clintonpresbyterian.net/stewardship) and click on "GIVE NOW".



## Capital Campaign Contributions

We currently have pledges of \$889,000 in support of our capital campaign – thank you again! To date we have received \$405,460. You are welcome to make your capital campaign contributions on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis, or some other schedule that works for you. This is a 3-year campaign and the work of revitalizing the building is already underway.



## Capital Campaign Update: June 2022

### Exterior Improvements: Repainting the Exterior of the Building

You may have noticed that work is already underway painting the exterior of the church, a high priority project on our capital campaign list that we hope to complete during the summer months. The good news is that we should achieve this goal, the not-so-great news is that it turns out that this project will cost more than we first budgeted.

### What happened?

In preparation for painting, we asked the contractor who session approved to do the work to take a look at the exterior and his assessment revealed some significant and serious issues with the existing woodwork, especially toward the front of the building and you may have noticed pink flags all over the building which represent areas with issues or damage. Since the rear of the building is in much better shape, the painters have already tackled that area. We suspected that there might be issues and we planned for that in our estimates; however, we simply did not anticipate the extent of the problems. None of this could have been known until the work began and equipment was available to do a full inspection.



# Financial Updates

## *Exterior Improvements: continued*

### **What now?**

In order to shore up the remaining exterior of the building and protect it for years, if not decades, these flaws need to be repaired properly before the painting work can be completed. Given the investment we have just made in our sanctuary space, the last thing we want to see is water damage caused by exterior weaknesses. The estimated cost for these repairs is approximately \$142,000.

This figure includes costs for security fencing, scaffolding, dumpster, storage etc.

### **How will this be funded?**

The good news is that given your deep generosity during the capital campaign, we are confident that we can fund this necessary work while also completing all of the other projects which were part of the campaign in due course. We are also counting to pursue grant funding opportunities to help offset the significant costs of building repair and renovation.

Many of you can probably relate to these sorts of “surprises” and “unplanned detours” as you have undertaken renovations in your own home. We appreciate your patience, your prayers and your continued generosity as the work funded by the campaign unfolds over the next months. For now, your leadership simply wants to remain transparent about all major updates regarding capital campaign work and make sure that you feel informed and updated.



# LET'S CELEBRATE

## July Birthdays

- 4 Jens Duerr, Andrew Jackle, Evan Plaxe
- 6 Laurel Kelly
- 10 Maryjean Riou
- 11 Tara Nuzzo
- 12 Omar Ahmed, Nicholas Perez
- 14 Linda Schipmann-Pustai
- 16 Margaret Blaus, Jack Kvarta
- 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

**We celebrated a very special birthday in worship this June as our beloved friend, Judy Ader turned 80 years old. Happy Birthday, Judy!**



## August Birthdays

- 2 Heather Kelly
- 3 Caroline Paul, Evelyn Voget
- 5 Eileen Mansfield, Will Spencer
- 6 Jace Crespo, Lia Crespo
- 10 Archer Houseal
- 11 Lee Longell, Judi Sifuentes
- 13 Jessica Bruno
- 15 Evan Christopher
- 16 Sarah Kelly
- 17 Doug Martin
- 18 Ralph Marsh
- 20 Nancy Paul, Doug Pearson
- 22 Madelyn Ahmed, Brett Houseal
- 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 Sean and Robin Carver, Jim and Linda Pustai
- 8 Brian and Michelle Annese
- 14 Jake and Leanne Treese
- 17 Brian and Amey Barnes, Andrew and Megan Kvarta
- 23 Brett and Lori Houseal
- 24 Tom and Adrienne Hodulik
- 25 Omar and Victoria Ahmed, Roger and Jeri Twigg
- 26 Dave and Cindy Boyer
- 29 Eric and Jessica Crespo



*CPC Family,*

*My heartfelt thanks for surrounding me with your love as I recuperate from yet another surgery. Your cards, visits, meals, and especially prayers are so appreciated. I am blessed by your caring hearts and encouragement. Hopefully, I'll be seeing all of you again soon.*

*With love, Sharon Rosenberg*