

News from CPC

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From the Pastor's Pen

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

Dear Friends,

With Memorial Day as the unofficial start of summer and temperatures rising this week, perhaps you are already picturing yourself on beach! With the promise of long days, the warmth of the sun, and the radiant colours of creation on every side, this time of year can be a rich gift.

Summer is a season when schedules adjust – for some of you this will be a slower paced season, while others are getting ready to juggle work and home and kids as the school year draws to an end.

After a jam-packed May at CPC, (see inside for just a snapshot of the last few weeks) the summer months herald a different pace here at church also, with Sunday School and Small Groups on pause until the fall and the Chancel Choir easing into a summer schedule. (See page 2 for details on how to be a part of a Summer Choir!)

What hasn't changed, however, is our weekly commitment to gather for worship and our desire to love and serve one another and the community around us every day of the week. Join us this Sunday, June 4, to hear an update on the Refugee Resettlement work we are involved with and how you can be a blessing to this work. And stay tuned for opportunities for service and fellowship throughout the summer months. If you have time to meet for lunch or coffee in the next couple of months, get in touch and let's make a plan!

And as you come and go and soak in all that summer offers, join us for worship as you are able on Sundays at 930am, as we give thanks to the Giver of all good gifts.

See you in church,

Tracey

PS – Thank you for all your lovely cards, kind words and thoughtful gifts as I graduated from my Doctor of Ministry program. As I wrote in the acknowledgment section of my thesis, "I have been blessed to be a part of many wonderful churches and in significant ways the influences of each of those holy communities is reflected in this work. In particular I am grateful for the holy community I now serve at Clinton Presbyterian Church. For the time and encouragement to pursue this work, and for the unrelenting support of the church leadership and staff, I am so very thankful."

Updates and Highlights
from
Clinton Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Morning Worship

Upcoming in Worship

June 4

Communion Sunday/Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1:26-2:3 & Matthew 28:16-20

“Do You Dance?”

Praise Team offering: Christ Be All Around Me
Choir Anthem: The Lord's My Shepherd

June 11

First Outdoor Worship Service
(see details below)

Psalm 24

“The Earth is the Lord's”

June 18

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

“Jesus Encounters”

Men's Ensemble: This is My Father's World

June 25

Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon: What are you carrying?



Outdoor Worship this Summer

We'll be worshipping outdoors once a month this summer. Bring a lawn chair and join us for these casual worship services.

Dates: June 11, July 16 and August 13



Camp Johnsonburg Staff

On Sunday June 18, we will have the privilege of commissioning the summer staff of Camp Johnsonburg during our worship service. These young adults are coming from around the nation (and around the world!) to serve in ministry this summer. Join us as we pray for them.

If you are still making summer plans for your kids, there are still openings for a few weeks of Camp at Johnsonburg this summer. Check out their [website](#) to learn more.

Music Ministry

As we move into summer, our choir will take a break from weekly rehearsals. A Summer Choir, which is open to everyone will sing on **Sunday July 30** and **Sunday August 20**. Singers will rehearse at 830am on those mornings. All are welcome!

Our Praise Team and other musicians will continue to lead us in worship from week to week. If you are interested in sharing your musical talents during worship throughout the summer months, please reach out to Ted - ted4cpc@gmail.com.

Want to Help with Worship?

We are always looking for ways to involve people of all ages in worship leadership.



Have AV skills to share?
Contact Matt Hodulik



Kids who are in 3rd grade and up are invited to serve as an Acolyte [Sign up here](#).

Month of May in Review

*We were blessed in many ways at Clinton Presbyterian throughout the month of May.
Take a look back with us.*

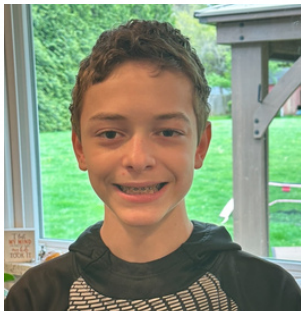
Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday May 7, we were delighted to hear fresh commitments of faith from five Confirmation Students.

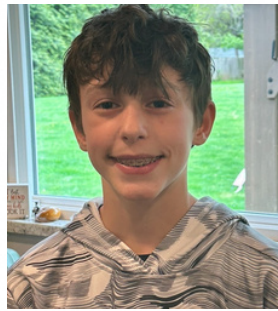
These students have been meeting together since September, under the guidance of Leslie Hyman and Tom Brankner. We are inspired by their energy and are excited to see all the ways that God will use them in the months and years that lie ahead.

Enormous thanks to Tom and Leslie for their commitment to these students and their families.

If you missed the service, you can hear more from the students [here](#).



I'm Derek Annese and I'm in 8th grade. I'm in Boy Scouts and I like to do all the camping trips and events. I'm looking forward to the scout sail boat trip to the Bahamas this summer.



I'm Justin Annese and am currently in 8th grade. My favorite sport is baseball but I like playing any sport with my friends.



Hi, my name is Trevor Annese and I am in 8th grade. Something that I like to do in my free time is play wiffle ball with my friends. Right now I play basketball for fun and am currently looking for a team to join!



My name is Maggie Sauers, and I was just confirmed. I enjoyed taking the class and learning about God and Jesus. I like going to my dance class and doing ballet. I have two dogs and two brothers, and I enjoy spending time with them.



My name is Tommy Sauers and I am very happy to be a part of this church. I really enjoyed this confirmation class with my sister and the Annese's. I enjoy track and field and I love my two dogs.

Month of May in Review

Celebration Sunday

On Sunday, May 21, we marked the one-year point of our Capital Campaign, Generation to Generation.

Over the last year, We are delighted to share that since then giving and momentum around supporting the work of the campaign has continued. We now have 71 pledges, and the pledged giving total stands at \$903,404. Gifts from members, friends, new members and even longtime members who now live elsewhere have all combined to make this total possible.

As of the end of April, \$640,098.33 or over 70% of the total, has already been received. This is a three-year campaign and to be at this stage already is really a gift.

In worship, we shared this [Video Update](#) about each of the Capital Campaign Projects.

We also welcomed 6 new members to our church family with great joy. These friends will be such an encouragement as they join in following Christ with us.



Larry and Janet Boyd met and married in the mountains of Cumberland, MD. They raised 2 children while living in the suburbs of Washington, DC, Ohio, and New Jersey. Janet is a retired educator and Larry is currently working as a project manager with financial systems and processes. They both enjoy activities that get them out into nature including bicycling the Columbia Trail and other trails, walking/hiking, gardening and fishing. Larry and Janet have been singing in church choirs together for many years and they enjoy attending live music performances of all types.



Dara and Derek Eckert have two wonderful little boys, Wyatt and Weston, who are the heart of our family. They enjoy the outdoors and spending time with their St. Bernard, Gracie. We love to fish in the summer and enjoy time together at our cabin in Pennsylvania during the winter months. They look forward to meeting the amazing people at CPC and learning from them about Jesus Christ. Dara and Derek decided to join CPC because they felt as if they were losing their faith after a series of unfortunate events and illnesses. CPC restored their faith again and want their children to know Jesus Christ is always with them.



Ellen Piccolo is thrilled to become a new member of a very vibrant and active church community, and is hoping she can add much to our ministry!! Ellen is a blessed mother of four wonderful daughters, a grandmother and also great-grandmother.

Sadly a widow, she lost her husband of 58 years in 2019.

Ellen loves painting watercolors and belongs to a wonderful group of artists that she considers her playtime friends. In addition, reading and travel and of course being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren!!! Ellen worked for 25 years as a civilian employee for the Dept. of the Army at the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center. Her career included working as a Management Analyst, Program Analyst and then Program Manager of the Wellness Center.

Chrystie Lalor is excited to join CPC. For the past 9 years Chrystie has tried to grow into the best Mama she could be and is still learning a lot! Being her children's Mom is her best achievement to date, they make her very proud. Chrystie currently works part time as a procurement manager for a



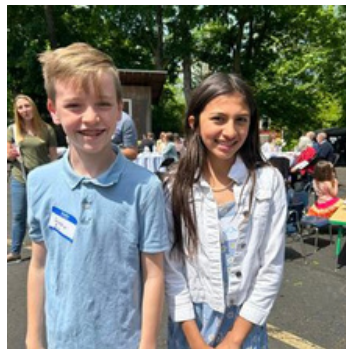
tech firm, and is a part of a wonderful supplement company for the last 3 years that has poured so much faith into her to help her find her "WHY". Chrystie loves giving back all that she can to the kid's school and community. She's looking to the CPC Community to help her find her faith and be a better example to her children.

Month of May in Review

All Church Picnic

After a wonderful celebration indoors on May 21, we had perfect weather outdoors for the Church Picnic. Main dishes were provided by our very own Andres Madriz, chef at Mexicali Brews, and many members added to the feast – thank you!

Special thanks to the Fellowship and Member Care Team for their coordination of the morning and to the Children’s Ministry team for providing the bounce house! We had some big winners at the raffle and we can’t wait to do it all again next year!



A May Wedding!

On Sunday May 27, CPC members Emmaline Di Pace and Zachary Murano were married on the most beautiful spring day!

Congratulations Emmaline and Zach – we all wish you every blessing on your new life together!



Summer at CPC



We are so excited that the Food Truck Party is coming to CPC this July 17-21!

We will be holding VBS in the evenings again this year from 5:30-8:00pm and will end the week with a fun Family Night on Friday evening! Dinner will be served each night, so no need to worry about making dinner all week. Registration is open and we would love to see you there! We already have 68 kids registered to participate - it promises to be the highlight of the summer.



Scan this code to register for VBS!



Joy Scouts is an outreach group connecting CPC families and children to a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in the community. The Joy Scouts have at least one community service project a month. Check out our group facebook page for all the latest!

On **Monday, June 19th** from 10:00-12:00, Tools 4 School sorting with the United Way. Family Friendly! We will also gather at the Hunterdon Care Center on **Sunday, June 25th** at 2:00 for games, bubbles, and warm weather fun with the residents. All ages are welcome!

We love serving others with joyful hearts! Email Abby Dougherty for more information on participating.



Summer at CPC



and



Donate used bikes & sewing machines for use overseas

JUNE 10- 9AM-12 NOON
CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
91 CENTER STREET, CLINTON, NJ

Want to volunteer that day? Contact office4cpc@gmail.com

Pedals for Progress will restore gently used bicycle and sewing machines for use overseas. 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. Sewing machines are used not only by individuals in households, but also to create a source of sustainable income for families.

Family Promise
of Hunterdon County

GOLF CLASSIC

JUNE 5, 2023
HERON GLEN GOLF COURSE
HERON GLEN DR, RINGOES, 08551

Registration Opens at 8:00am
Scramble Shot Gun Start Begins at 9:00am

Registration fee includes:	Awards for:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 holes of golf • Range balls • Cart • Refreshments • Barbecue lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hole-In-One Contest • 1st Place Team • 2nd Place Team • 3rd Place Team • Longest Drives • Closest to the Pin

Please visit our website for golf registration and sponsorship opportunities:
<https://www.heronglen.com/familypromise/>

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY. A RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT CENTER THAT CARES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Love to Golf? Support our Mission Partners while you indulge your passion! Sign up today!

CPC is glad to provide space for this monthly gathering for youth, sponsored by the Family Success Center and Prevention Resources. If you would like to learn more, please contact CPC member Dr. Zan Struebing.

PRIDE SOCIAL

Come one, come all to this free program!

All **Middle Schoolers** are welcome and accepted. No RSVP is necessary!

June 8th
from 4-5pm.

The Fellowship Hall at
Clinton Presbyterian Church

91 Center St, Clinton, NJ
08809

More Info:
agerko@njprevent.com

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Join your CPC friends for a great night at the ballpark!
RSVP today!

CLINTON PRES PRESENTS

Baseball Night

Sat June 17
@ 705pm

Somerset Patriots vs Altoona Curve
RSVP to office4cpc@gmail.com by June 10

fireworks after the game!

Save the Dates

Before your summer calendar fills up completely, save these two dates:

Saturday, July 22

Adult Gathering at Beneduce's –
where the music will be provided by our very own Ted Brancato!

Wednesday, August 16

Summer Supper at the Manse, all ages welcome

More details to come on these events soon!

CPC Deacons

Need a Helping Hand? Reach out to your Deacons

Need help with a project around the house or in the yard that is just too big for you? Give us a call and we'll jump in to help! Going through a busy or transitional time in your life and feeling overwhelmed? We'd love to provide you with some meals to make the days easier. Need a ride to an appointment but can't find an Uber in all of Hunterdon County? You know who to call! Our deacons are here to serve you in any way we can. We are always praying for you as we gather together. If you have a specific need that we can hold in prayer, please let us know.

April Deacon of the month - Richard (Dick) Farrell



Dick's been a Deacon for 2 years. He's lived in Hunterdon County for 40+ years and owns a business in Flemington. His son and daughter work with him. Dick enjoys walking with his dog, Huey, playing golf and traveling

Words of Reflection from Dick

Now that summer is upon us let us all remember:

“Be shore of yourself. Come out of your shell. Take time to coast. Avoid pier pressure. Sea life's beauty. Don't get so tied down on work that you miss out on life's beautiful waves.” – Advice from the Ocean

Don't Forget

Most Important in Life: God
Most Beautiful Attire: Smile
Greatest Asset: Faith
Most Powerful Force: Love
Greatest Weapon: Prayer

June Birthdays

1 Colin Bruno
3 Brian Martin
6 Kyle Longell
7 Megan Kvarta, Ava Sudol, Kathryn Treese
9 Emmett Dougherty, Leigh Perry
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 Morrissette
24 Greta Eichlin-Bell
25 Valerie Boyer, Lauren Morrissette
26 Carmen Rosario
28 Jessica Crespo
30 Wendy Morrissette



June Anniversaries

5 John & Martha Roth
12 David & Tracey Henry
16 Norman & Martha LaValette
18 Rick & Leslie Hyman, Rich & Jill Prakopcyk
21 Andres & Kristen Madriz
26 Fernando & Kim Perez
29 Bill & Mary Ellen Anthony



Nominating Team Elected

At a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 28,
the following members we were elected to serve as this year's Nominating Team:

Dave Kelly (Elder and Team Chair)
Rick Hyman (Deacon Representative)
Jens Duerr
Bob Tombs
Liz Scannell

This team will be leading us in discernment as we discover who God is calling to serve as
Deacons and Elders for the next season at CPC.

They will be reaching out to you for your guidance and input. Stay tuned!