

Clinton Presbyterian Church

April 2016



Our Mission

*Clinton Presbyterian Church
is a welcoming congregation
called to share Christ's love.*

Vision

**We will live out this
mission through:**

Inspiring Worship,
as we praise and glorify God,

Engaged Discipleship,
as we grow deeper in our faith,

Nurturing Relationships,
as we love and care for
one another,

Transforming Mission,
as we embody God's love in service
to the world,

Faithful Stewardship,
as we express our gratitude
to God.



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

During the month of April we welcome the Rev. Kiran Young Wimberly back to Clinton Presbyterian Church to lead our worship on Sunday mornings. Kiran graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2005. She and her husband Alex moved to Belfast, Northern Ireland in 2007 to serve Presbyterian congregations in that area. Kiran's work there also involved working with ecumenical communities to bring together protestant and catholics for worship, prayer, learning, spiritual development and fellowship.

Kiran and her family moved back to the States in 2013 to pursue further education. In the past two years Kiran has also worked with a family from Ireland to produce two wonderful music CDS – "Celtic Psalms" and "Celtic Psalms: The Lord's My Shepherd", two collections of Psalms set to traditional Irish and Scottish airs. You can listen to some of her work here: www.celticpsalms.com

I know that you will be blessed by Kiran's ministry and I will strongly encourage her to share her musical gifts with you.

Please welcome Kiran warmly to our CPC family.

Tracey

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March *in review*



Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, after Sunday School our youngest family members enjoyed an outdoor egg hunt.

Meanwhile in Fellowship Hall our teens and adults participated in service projects to benefit S.H.I.P. and the Relief Bus.





A word of thanks
to all those
who participated in our
Palm Sunday, Holy Week and
Easter Services.
It was truly a family effort
this year to retell this
ancient story which has
changed our lives forever.



As we live in the light of this
resurrection joy, invite others
to join you in worship and
service at CPC.
We love to see new faces.

What a wonderful Easter morning
we enjoyed together!
Christ is risen – he is risen indeed!
And we are glad to share
this good news.

Inspiring Worship

Pastoral Coverage in April

Rev. Henry will be on maternity leave throughout the month of April. During this time, Rev. Kiran Young Wimberly will be preaching each Sunday and also moderating the monthly session meeting. Should you have any pastoral care needs, please reach out to one of our Deacon Co-Moderators, Steve Battaglia at (908) 500-8013/ stevebattag@gmail.com or Bill Harclerode at (908) 894-8300/ billharclerode@gmail.com. They can connect you with local Presbyterian pastors as needed. Tracey will return to the pulpit in May, working part time hours throughout the month while using the remainder of her parental leave.



Attention Bell Ringers!

The Bell Choir will start practicing again this month to help lead worship in May. Stay tuned for exact dates and times. All are welcome as there is no experience necessary.

Come out and join us!

Join us on May 1 for a
Youth
WORSHIP
Service

Engaged Discipleship



Women's Morning Bible Study

Tuesday mornings in Fellowship Hall
9:30-11:30 am
Next meeting – April 6

Women's Evening Bible Study

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings
in the Wolverton Building at 7:00 pm.
Next meeting – April 6

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Meets at 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall
on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.
Next meeting – April 2



10:40 –
11:30 am

Elementary Students

Growing in Grace and Gratitude curriculum

Drop-off & Pick Up:

Preschoolers: God's lighthouse (upstairs)
K-5th graders: God's backyard (upstairs)

Middle School

6th Grade/Old Testament/ Computer Room
7th & 8th Grade/New Testament/Room under kitchen

High School Conversations

9th – 12th graders/Nooma Series
Meet in Wolverton Building

Adults - "The Book of Acts"

Meet in the downstairs middle classroom

Sunday School children making a welcome poster



Kids learned that God helps steer us in the right direction when we are lost or not making good choices and always welcomes us home. Children learned Jesus' parables of the Lost Coin, Lost Sheep and the Lost Son.



Our preschoolers recently learned the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers. Here they are tending to their patient who has a bad case of the spots.



Sunday School students learn Ho-Ho-Ho Hosana from Mr. Ross for the Palm Procession

Engaged Discipleship

PreK-5th Grade Sunday School Calendar

April 3

Normal Sunday School Class

April 10, 17, 24

Normal Sunday School Class &
Banking it for Babacar Mission Project.
Don't forget to bring your quarters!



“Bank it for Babacar” Challenge

Matthew 18:5 (NIV)
And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Our Pre- K-5th graders will be starting a new mission project on April 10th through Mother's Day, May 8th. Our children will get the opportunity to make a difference in the life of another child. Our CPC children are being asked to “Bank it for Babacar”. Our goal is to collect 200 quarters in a fun bank to support Babacar Dion.

Babacar is a special child from Senegal, West Africa, and our church supports him through a monthly sponsorship through World Vision. Babacar has been “our” child since 2009. He loves soccer and admits he could work harder on his school work. He was just 7 back in 2009 and now he is a teenager.

Over the last few years, CPC's contributions have helped to provide basic necessities (sheep/goats, clothes, shoes, school supplies, rice, cooking oil, cooking ingredients) for this child's family. Our monetary donations are sent to World Vision who visits the family and determines their needs. If you'd like to help give Babacar a better future, then join us in the “Bank it for Babacar” challenge by bringing in your spare quarters. There will be a jar or bank in the sanctuary or just give your quarters to one of our youth and they can bring them to Sunday School.

If you'd like to sponsor Babacar for an entire month, you may send a \$35 check (payable to CPC) to the church office. Please write “Babacar” in the memo section. Your donation will make a big difference in Babacar's life and in his community.

CPC has been reaching out and we'd like you to join in our efforts. Together we can do so much more. It's easy and it means the world.



Pajama Sunday

We didn't let the time change get us down. We lost an hour of sleep and just came to church in our pajamas! We remembered together that even though we need to sleep, God is always awake and watching over us.

Palm Sunday Excitement

The PreK-5th grade children had a very full morning at CPC on Palm Sunday. They kicked off the worship service with a joyous Palm Procession. They waved their palms and sang Hosannas and Hallelujahs as they made their way down the center aisle to the front of the sanctuary. Then it was off to Sunday School where they heard the Easter story and made a craft. They ended the morning with a fun filled Easter Egg Hunt outside where squeals of delight could be heard all around.

Engaged Discipleship

CHAOS

Well, it's April and spring has officially sprung! We are so excited to officially welcome the warmer weather and the sunshine.

What an exciting March we had! Between CHAOS, our teens and youth representing in CPC's Got Talent and our Middle School Lake Champion Retreat, we had some fun stuff going on! Stay tuned in our May newsletter for a Lake Champion Recap!

We have a lot of exciting stuff coming up in April – so be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates:

April CHAOS dates: 3 & 17

Lock In: April 22 – 23

Be sure to follow us on Instagram: @cpc_chaos !!!!

Have a great April!! See you 'round the church! ☺

Maggie

Important & Exciting Experiment with CHAOS

We're trying something different for our last four (4) CHAOS dates in April & May:

Middle & High School combined

7 pm – 8:30 pm

High School Leadership Team

(11th & 12th grades) 8:30 pm – 9 pm!!!

We're all in this together!!

We're excited to try this new time slot and see what works best as we look ahead to the fall!!!

Come be part of the FUN! ☺

Other Spring Dates:

CHAOS May 1 & 15

Youth Sunday – May 1

High School Relief Bus - Friday night 5/6, 7/29:

North Newark (5:30 pm - 10:30 pm)



Nurturing Relationships

Deacon Update

We hope you all had a joyful Easter and start to spring! "Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"

Thank you all for coming out and supporting the Talent Show! The Deacons are very proud of our Fab Four and their back-up singers/dancers! It was just a fun night.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed gift cards and money for the deacon gift card collection. We collected \$777 in cash and cards – what a wonderful caring congregation you are! These cards will be used to provide a meal, groceries or gas for people who need a hand in an emergency – thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

Also, just a friendly reminder that donations for our local food pantry are collected weekly right here at CPC.

Please continue to stop by the table of Well Wishes in Fellowship Hall every Sunday to send a greeting of encouragement, sympathy or congratulations!

The Deacon's continue to pray for all of you. Please contact any Deacon or the church office if you have a need or prayer request.

Little Monkeys Playgroup

March 18th was the final week of our Little Monkeys Playgroup. This was the second year we ran this winter playgroup and it was another big success.

"Thank you so much for opening up your playgroup to the community. It has been so nice to have a place to play during the winter months! The Bowers Family, Hampton, NJ"

Parents and caregivers were very grateful for the opportunity to bring their children every week. They loved the pretty playrooms, all the toys, the many little friends their children made, and most of all the chance to get out of their houses and have some adult conversation! What a blessing to be able to share what God has provided with all these young families.

A huge thank you to Joanne Berson for her leadership and commitment to this playgroup.

Rummage Sale

**April 15 and 16 • 9:00 am - Noon
in Fellowship Hall**

As you start your Spring Cleaning, please aside your gently worn clothing, toys and small household items for the CPC Spring Rummage Sale.

- Come on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (April 12, 13, 14) anytime between 9 am and 5 pm or between 7 pm and 9 pm to help set up.
- Come on Friday or Saturday (April 15, 16) from 9 am – noon to help with the sale:
No experience necessary.
We really need help these days.
- Come on Saturday after the sale to help bag up unused items

You can donate:

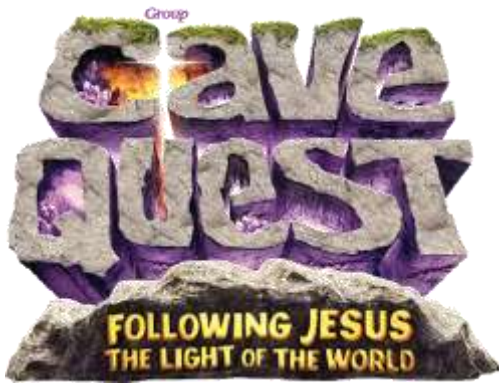
Bring your items to Fellowship Hall on Tuesday 4/12, Wednesday 4/13 or Thursday 4/14. If you donate on Thursday afternoon or evening, plan to stay and set out all your donations. Please do not bring donations until Tuesday!

We accept.....Good quality clothing, shoes, toys and **small** household items. Also: small sporting goods such as bats, mitts, good sneakers
PLEASE: No furniture No appliances No VHS/Video tapes No computers please!

No electronics, large sporting goods (no skis, etc.), no artificial Christmas trees. Nothing with an electrical cord.

For questions or more information, contact:
Leslie Hyman at 713-0331,
dukemom81@embarqmail.com

Nurturing Relationships



Save the Date

Vacation Bible Camp

**Gear up for the
adventure of the summer!**

Clinton Presbyterian Church

July 11-15 • 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Ages 4 (and potty trained) through those entering Grade 5

Register online at <http://clintonpresbyterian.net/>
or stop by the church office for a registration form.

Donations are welcomed at Camp check-in.

(For those wishing to make a donation, the suggested amount is \$10/child or \$25/family)

Want to Help? Adult and Teen Volunteers (6th grade and up) are needed

If you are interested in joining the volunteer spelunker team, please contact
Cathy Edelsberg at cathyedels@gmail.com or Kim Darcy at mkfdar@aol.com

Volunteers can sign up to help for 1-5 nights and are needed to run stations (games, experiments and bible stories), be crew leaders (lead your crew of children for the night), prepare dinners, lead songs, make decorations and lead or act in opening and closings.



Transforming Mission

Take Out BBQ Dinner at CPC
Friday, April 29 • 4:30 – 7:30 pm



Pulled Pork • Rolls • Macaroni Salad
Baked Beans • Dessert
All items will be homemade.

The cost is \$10.00 per dinner.

We will begin taking orders on Friday, April 22; please call the church office 908-735-5029 ext. 224 to place your orders. Include your name, # of dinners, intended pickup time & contact number.

Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. We request all orders be placed by Thursday, April 28.

All proceeds will benefit the Philadelphia Student Mission Trip.

We're also looking for volunteers to donate a cooked pork roast. Roasts or pulled pork meat can be dropped off at the church kitchen on the evening of Thursday, April 28 or the morning of Friday, April 29.

Please let Jill Prakopcyk or Dave Kelly know if you will be donating a cooked roast – they will pull the pork.

Jill 908 310-4765; jrcelebr8@embarqmail.com
Dave 908 391-6372; DLSH27@comcast.net

Pulled Pork Recipe

5-7 lb. pork shoulder or butt

Dry Rub - Rub on pork the night before cooking:

- 3 Tablespoons paprika
- 1 Tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 Tablespoon dry mustard
- 3 Tablespoons coarse salt

Following day place pork in crockpot, pour in root beer about 1" deep & cook on low for 10 hours.

Save the Date



Philadelphia
Youth Mission Trip
June 19 - 24

Faithful Stewardship

Session Round-Up: March

Children's

Adrienne announced that VBS registration was now on-line and she is asking for volunteers. They are getting ready for the combined Annual Church Picnic/Sunday School End of Year Celebration which is scheduled for May 22.

Connections

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship will be held in Fellowship Hall. Mark Holmsborg announced that the first movie night will be June 25.

Finance

Bill Kreutel brought forth a motion for a new budget since pledges have increased, salary expenses have decreased and an addition was made for medical reimbursement to the pastor. Additionally Session reviewed the expenses for our seminary intern this fall. These will be covered by interest from annuities. He announced that the church loose portion of the budget is 140%.

Mission

Dave Kelly said there are only two people signed up for the March 19 Relief Bus. The Palm Sunday projects are all on schedule. Sandie Lundeen did most of the coordination.

Nominating

Jenny Kunzman announced that conversations have started with candidates for elder and deacons. Tracey suggested June 5 for a congregational meeting to elect officers and nominating.

Pastor

Tracey stated that the Elders will handle Fellowship Time in May, Connections in June and the Deacons in July. The chair lift is now operational.

Holy Week is ready to go thanks to elders, deacons and lots of other volunteers.

Tracey went over pastoral coverage while she is on leave.

She also stated that Paul Brembt has turned in his resignation and will leave at the end of March.

Tracey collected all prayer requests for members and non-members.

The Good News Home for Women in Flemington asked if we would be their supporting church in trying to obtain a Presbytery grant. This would not cost CPC any money, it is just the Presbytery rules that if an organization wants to get a Presbytery grant they would need a local supporting church. Session approved this support.

Personnel

Rich sent the Keeping Our Children Safe Policy to Glenn Cocchiola, a lawyer and member of CPC for review.

Property

It was decided to take the money for closet expansion and painting of Fellowship Hall from the operating budget. Property hopes to replace the flooring also and will seek to fund this portion of the work through donations and capital budget reassignments. More conversation to follow. Tom told session there was some bad insulation in the church spire and he was going to replace with blown-in insulation.

There is a problem with the insulation in the mini-manse bathroom near the exhaust fan which Tom said he would take care of.

There have been a couple of contractors looking at our stained glass windows to repair.

Tom announced we passed our fire inspections.

Session

-Approved February 16 minutes -Approved new budget -Approved Congregational Meeting for June 5

-Agreed they would start taking reviewing longer term budget goals at the May meeting

Worship

Judy Beck announced that the communion ware was done and Betty Ann Dhein would pick it up.

Youth

Bill Berson announced that there are six middle schoolers signed up to go to Lake Champion on March 18-20.

Faithful Stewardship

Bill and Eileen Mansfield are looking for an LPN or RN who is interested in working an eight hour shift at their home in Pittstown, NJ. If you are interested in this position, or know anyone else who may be interested, please contact Eileen at 908.735.9385.

Side Entrance

The Property Ministry requests that when possible, congregation members avoid using the outside steps by Fellowship Hall (near the lift) until they can be repaired in spring/ early summer 2016. Cold weather prevents us from executing the awarded contract during below 32°F days. When using these steps, please proceed with care and do not enter the cordoned off areas.



The Property Ministry is seeking a person who can spackle and paint. If you have these skills, time and determination, please contact Tom Brankner at 973.271.6305. Thank you.

Save the Dates!



*Mothers & Daughters Tea Party
Sunday, May 1
1:30 - 3:00 in the afternoon
Fellowship Hall
Admission \$5*

April Birthdays

- 1 Parker Warren, Lindsay Whitt
- 2 Debra Jackle
- 3 Julia Morrisette, Erica Wirth
- 4 Beth Spencer
- 6 Melanie Kreutel
- 7 Brenda Krushinski, Patrick Sinko
- 8 Alex Giannini, Foster Barnes
- 9 Elizabeth Cocchiola, Julia Cocchiola, Jeff Hazelette
- 10 Tom Brankner, Steven Kotopoulos, Sara Twigg
- 12 Connor Berson, Steven Dhein
- 13 Tammy Warner
- 17 Kathy Jacobsen
- 19 Matthew Kursar
- 20 Colleen Healy
- 22 Daniel Nuzzo
- 24 Steve Hovey
- 25 Liza Battaglia, Andrew Cuthill
- 26 Evan Giannini, Jennifer Thompson
- 28 Rebecca DiPace, Olivia McCarthy
- 29 Silvia Grove
- 30 Makenzie Holmsborg, Andrew Westlin

April Anniversaries

- 3 Ken and Kimberly Westlin
- 21 Christopher and Deidre Blas
- 24 Andrew and Cathy Edelsberg
- 29 Pat and Noreen Sinko



Our Boy Scout Troop 121

March Theme: Communications

The Troop had a White Water Rafting camping weekend. The Scouts went to camp for the weekend and visited West Point Military Academy.

They met with Mr. Brankner to review their responsibilities on the lawn maintenance for the church.

If you have any questions about our Scout groups, contact the Charter Organization Rep., Lisa Miller at RLMiller13@comcast.net.

Ushering Schedule

- April 3 Maslanka Family
April 10 Bill & Mary Joan Barr,
Judy Beck, Barry Lake
April 17 Bill and Bev Harclerode
Tom and Shelley Brankner
April 24 Bill & Jan Kreutel,
Cliff & Cathie Sayre

Fellowship Time – Finance Ministry

Deacon of the Month – Martha Roth

Counting Schedule

- April 3 Karen Kursar, Liz Scannell
April 10 Bill Kreutel, Cathy Nace
April 17 Jack Sherrerd, Lisa Miller
April 24 Mike Penyak, Jeff Hazelette

Liturgists

- April 3 Linda Schipmann-Pustai
April 10 Judy Beck
April 17 Beth Spencer
April 24 Tom Brankner

Nursery Schedule

- April 3 Kim Perez, Jenny Kunzman
April 10 Lisa Miller, Rich Prakopcyk
April 17 Sharon Rosenberg, Valerie Boyer
April 24 Dan & Tara Nuzzo

Sanctuary Flowers

Month of April
Flowers given in honor of the staff, volunteers and stewards of CPC.