

Clinton Presbyterian Church

May 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.



Many thanks to Rev. Kiran Young Wimberly for her leadership from the pulpit throughout the month of April. Kiran not only inspired and challenged us through her sermons but she also blessed us through her music ministry. To hear more of Kiran's work, go to www.celticpsalms.com.

Rev. Henry returns to CPC on a part time basis this month while using the remainder of her maternity leave. If you have pastoral needs or know of someone who would benefit from a call or visit, please feel free to reach Tracey via phone or email.

On May 15 we'll gather as a church family to celebrate Davis Henry's arrival and rejoice with his family. Join us at 10.30 in Fellowship Hall.



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Inspiring Worship



A Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons will be held on Sunday, June 5 immediately following the worship service. Please plan to attend.



On Sunday, June 12, we will recognize our graduating seniors in worship and pray God's blessings on them as they prepare for the next stage of their journey. Our graduates are: Erika Bernasconi, Fred Darcy, Domenic DiPace, Joey Perez, David Thompson and Rebecca Thompson.

Engaged Discipleship



"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 started a new mission project on April 10 which will run through Mother's Day, May 8. 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.

If you'd like to help give him 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.

Engaged Discipleship

BIBLE STUDY

Women's Morning Bible Study

Tuesday mornings in Fellowship Hall

9:30-11:30 am

New study (War Room Bible Study)

Starts on May 17 and

will run through June 14.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

Meeting on May 7 and 21

Join us for Sunday School

10:40 – 11:30 am

May 15 - Last day of Sunday School

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 learn about communion.



Sunday school students learn that they can trust God even in difficult times.

Engaged Discipleship

#SundayFunday - Connecting with Kids



Don't miss out on the fun!

It's been nearly eight months since we kicked off Sunday Funday, a youth group geared towards third through fifth graders. To date, thirty-seven children have joined in the fun and games. After seeing a decline in youth participating in our programs, Emelia Maslanka decided to tackle this program as her Girl Scout Gold Award. "Growing up, church and youth group were always fun activities for me and I wanted others to have those same opportunities," she states. "Sunday Funday would not have been possible without the support from the Youth Ministry team, Pastor Tracey and so many others in our Church and community."

From scavenger hunts and tag to Ship-to-Shore and Zombie Infection, kids don't know what to expect when they walk through the doors!

"Each meeting has a special theme," explains Emelia. "Our most popular meetings have been the Halloween costume party and the Glow-in-the-Dark party in January. We joined together with CHAOS in December for an ugly sweater party where we watched Elf."

There are two remaining meetings this year: May 1 (Chalk Olympics) and May 15 which will be the grand finale for the school year.

chaos

Happy May, church family!
What a wonderful Spring it has been so far – are you just loving this awesome weather!?

April was an awesome month for CHAOS – but first, let's look back to March at the Middle School Retreat to Lake Champion! Ross Traphagen, Bill Berson and Maggie Bell brought 6 first-time students up to camp for the weekend. There was a lot of singing, jokes, fun and learning about God's love for us. Also, a terrifying albeit exhilarating ride on the sky high swing – thanks to Kincso Pusztai! ☺ Ask Bill and Maggie how *that* went! The kids loved being at Lake Champion and I'm sure are anxious to be second-timers next year!

In April, CHAOS rocked with more games, a Lock In and a really cool opportunity with The Compassion Experience at South Ridge Church. Check out the June newsletter for reflections on that!

Coming up in the month of MAY –

May 1 Youth Sunday: Our middle & high school students lead us in worship!

May 1 CHAOS: 7 – 8:30 middle & high school;
HS Leadership Team 8:30 – 9

May 6 High School Relief Bus:
North Newark; 4:30pm – TBD (usually 11:30ish)

May 15 Last CHAOS: 7 – 8:30 middle & high school;
HS Leadership Team 8:30 – 9

Our May 15 CHAOS is all about *The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon* !! We're recreating the best games he plays on his show! It's going to be awesome!

Stay tuned for some great summer activities coming up for June – August. It's gonna to be a long, hot summer but CHAOS will keep things cool!

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

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

Maggie

Nurturing Relationships

Deacon Update

by Martha Roth

"If you can't feed 100 people, feed just one"

Mother Teresa

Surprisingly, these words are printed on a pizza box brought home by our college daughter recently.

Although the box is covered by several inspirational quotes, Mother Teresa's words just resonated with me. As we continually strive to balance our work, family and community life, it sometimes feels frustrating and overwhelming to figure out how we can do more for others.

But her comment reassured me that even small contributions of any kind are meaningful.

We continue to support our church members in need of meals and transportation. Also, food is collected weekly for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry. We are appreciative of your help, no matter how big or small, in these areas. If you have any care needs or would like to help out, please see a deacon. Thank you from the deacons for making our congregation a caring and nurturing family.



Rummage Sale Results

Many thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this year's Rummage Sale a success. The Boy Scouts helped with the set up at the beginning of the sale and cleaning up afterwards. We brought in approximately \$1,600. We served families in the community - Family Promise, Philadelphia and shipped boxes of clothing to our friends in rural Maine.



**Sunday, May 22 • 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
on the grounds of CPC**

*Fun * Games * Crafts * Family * Friends * Fellowship*

This year we'll be combining the Sunday School end-of-the-year celebration with our CPC summer picnic!

Don't forget to wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt!

Please bring your favorite salad, dessert, side dish and/or snacks to share with the group. We will provide the rest (burgers/dogs/beverages/etc.)

Please sign up to attend during Fellowship Hour after Worship or by completing the form below.

There is no cost, we just need a head count.

EVERYONE (Including or non-CPC friends and neighbors) IS INVITED!!!

Please return this completed portion via our CPC mailboxes (near Fellowship Hall) or e-mail information to either Ino Sowder (ino.sowder@gmail.com) or Shelley Brankner (shelleym2@comcast.net) by May 15.

Family name _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____

I will bring: a dessert a snack a salad

Nurturing Relationships

Cave Quest Vacation Bible Camp



Gear up for the adventure of the summer

Clinton Presbyterian Church
July 11-15th 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Dinner Served

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

Register online at <http://clintonpresbyterian.net/>.

Click on the *Discipleship* tab then select *Vacation Bible Camp*.

Or stop by the church office for a paper 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 Needed!

We are looking for teachers, shepherds, Opening / Closing leaders, music leaders, kitchen help and more. **Students 6th grade and older may volunteer** (it's a fun way to earn service hours!). Sign up for the week or even just a night or two ~ whatever you can do. It's a small commitment that makes a BIG difference! To see the list of volunteer opportunities or to sign up to help, visit CPC's website: clintonpresbyterian.net. Click on the *Discipleship* tab, then select *Vacation Bible Camp*. It's that easy!

Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love,
a love that takes us through life's dark times.



Transforming Mission

Philadelphia Youth Mission Trip June 19 - 24

The cost will be \$225.

Please sign up as soon as possible.

We have several spots available this year so please share this life-changing opportunity with your friends. The trip will be similar to last year with various mission opportunities in the morning. Afternoons we will be providing Bible School for children in the streets in North Philly.

If you have not attended one of our Mission Trip Meetings, please reach out to Dave Kelly or Jill Prakopcyk.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

Thank you to everyone who gave to
One Great Hour of Sharing –
a total of \$436 was collected.

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Faithful Stewardship

We're making progress on the outside steps by Fellowship Hall
and the handicap entrance!



Faithful Stewardship

Session Round-Up: April

Children's

Adrienne announced that VBS registration was available online and the committee is asking for volunteers. The last day of Sunday School is May 15. The end-of-year celebration will be held on May 22 in conjunction with the Church Picnic.

Clerk

Rick handed out a letter from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. It covered who the liaison was for each church in the Presbytery, for any matters that needed to be brought before the Presbytery.

Connections

Mark announced some plans for the picnic which is Sunday, May 22. He reminded all that this is a replacement for the picnic we normally have during the summer at Camp Carr. He also reminded us that the first summer movie is June 24.

Finance

Bill Kreutel announced that revenues were on target. He also reviewed some of the annuities and their lifecycle.

Mission

Dave Kelly announced that there were two dates for the Relief Bus for May; May 6 – Youth Group and May 21 - the regular Relief Bus group.

The BBQ Dinner will be held on April 29 which benefits the Philadelphia Youth Mission Trip. Dave said that donations of cooked roasts are still needed as well as chocolate chip cookies.

May 28 is the day we are going to the Market Street Mission to serve food and help clean up. Dave also mentioned that some weekend in May we would probably be going to the Flemington Food Pantry to help them do a cleanup.

Nominating

Jenny Kunzman announced that conversations continue with candidates for elder and deacons. A Congregational Meeting will be held on June 5 immediately following worship for election of elders and deacons.

Pastor

Tracey is on maternity leave this month.

Personnel

Rich Prakopcyk handed out copies of the finished Keep the Children Safe Policy. There were questions plus the request for additional time to read the policy. Personnel wanted it to go into effect on June 1, so Rick Hyman said an email vote would be done which was to be sent out by Wednesday, April 20 and due back Tuesday, April 26. There was also a discussion on how to fill the void of the Facilities Coordinator leaving. The biggest problem is how to handle the outside groups. There will be more discussion on this.

Property

There was a quick mention of the work being done on the Fellowship Hall steps and how it was progressing.

Youth

Bill Berson announced that the Middle School Retreat went very well. He also said they were working on plans for teaching the 2016/2017 Confirmation class. Those plans may include Maggie Bell. There will be more discussion next month.

May Birthdays

- 1 Larry Kursar
- 2 Richard Herman
- 3 Hannah Bittenmaster, Chad Lundeen
- 4 Becki Forman
- 5 Deidre Blaus, Ava Kvarata, Koppany Pusztai, Noreen Sinko, Christian Wirth
- 6 Scott Schipmann, Zoey Madurki
- 7 Mark Holmsborg
- 9 Kerry Maslanka, Juliette Warren
- 10 David Henry, Joey Perez
- 11 Steve Battaglia
- 13 Horace Buchanan, Meredith Nuzzo
- 14 Lauren Lomauro
- 15 Carey Bell, Christopher Blaus
- 18 Katherine Spencer
- 19 Raymond Paul, Phil Sayre
- 21 Allison Hazelette, Norman LaValette, Caleb Schlegel
- 22 Mary Joan Barr
- 23 Jenny Kunzman
- 25 Maggie Bell, Andrew Kvarata, Bob Lomauro
- 26 Lauren Kreutel
- 29 Emily Cuthill
- 30 Brian Lewis

May Anniversaries

- 1 Mitch and Jenny Kunzman
- 8 Eusilio and Rebecca DiPace
- 12 Bill and Mary Joan Barr
- 14 Brian and Barbara Lewis

Nursery Schedule

- May 1 Jan Kreutel, Colin Bruno
May 8 Adrienne Hodulik, Jes Bruno
May 15 Jeri Twigg, Joanne Berson
May 22 Rosie Sudol, Wendy Morrissette
May 29 Caitlyn Murphy

Sanctuary Flowers

- May 8 Glenn and Barbara Allen
and
In honor of the staff, volunteers
and stewards of CPC.
May 29 Lois Anderson

Boy Scout Troop 121

April Theme: Air & Space



The Troop assisted in setting up and cleaning up for the Rummage Sale.

The Scouts helped mulch the church property.

The Troop held an Adult Social and Dinner for the Troop's parents with the goal of bringing them together to get to know each other better, understand the Scouting program and to have fun.

Star gazing was a meeting's activity.

The Scouts took a camping/whitewater rafting trip at Jim Thorpe, PA.

Several parents attended a two night class of training learning about the Scouting program and qualifying them to be an Assistant Scoutmaster.

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

Ushering Schedule

- May 1 Lauren Edelsberg, Alex Giannini, Heather Kelly, Caroline Paul
May 8 Paul Morrissette, Julia Morrissette, Jim and Linda Pustai
May 15 John and Martha Roth, Lonnie and Mollie Little
May 22 Wendy Morrissette, Lauren Morrissette, Bob Tombs, Jennifer Thompson
May 29 Krushinski Family

Fellowship Time – Elders

Deacon of the Month – Wendy Morrissette

Counting Schedule

- May 1 Karen Kursar, Liz Scannell
May 8 Bill Kreutel, Cathy Nace
May 15 Jack Sherrerd, Lisa Miller
May 22 Mike Penyak, Jeff Hazelette
May 29 Dave Boyer, Bill Kreutel