



From the Pastor

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.

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Dear Friends,

As many of you know, one of our members, Koppány Puzsai, headed off to New Mexico last week to begin his studies at the University of Santa Fe. I wanted to share with you what a wonderful welcome he and his mom, Gabriella, received from the Presbyterian Church there.

Prior to Gabriella and Koppány's arrival, Jill P. had reached out to the local Presbyterian pastor to ask for some recommendations about where they should stay, where to eat, and so on. Pastor Harry Eberts responded not just with information but with a warm embrace. Harry and his wife met the Puzsais at the airport and welcomed Gabriella to stay at their home while Koppány settled in at school. They enjoyed meals with them, showed them around the area and one of the elders of the church provided a car for them to use throughout their stay.

I emailed Harry to express my gratitude and his response included this, "Believe me, it's been a joy to be able to meet both of them. We are having a lot of fun together.... Koppány is in good hands and we will watch out for him here and he has our number and knows where we live. He also has a church family here waiting to meet him when he is able or chooses to come to church. We will look forward to that. So grateful to Jill for calling me. This is the connectional church at its best I think. Let's keep in touch. Exciting times. Please extend our best wishes to your congregation."

What a joy! For all of the things the church gets wrong, sometimes we get it so right and the delight of the Kingdom, where all of God's people live together in harmony, breaks through.

As we begin a new program year together, let's commit to extending the same sort of welcome and warmth that our friends in Santa Fe did, let's commit to being a place where all are embraced with joy, where needs are met and God's children love one another well. When we get this right, God will surely be pleased.

Exciting times indeed!

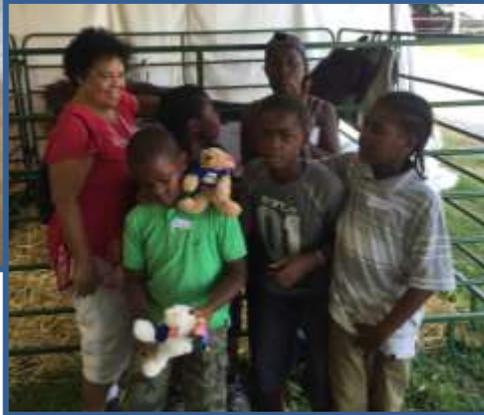
See you in church –



On August 24th, our friends from Philadelphia joined us at the Hunterdon County 4H Fair. This wonderful day was made possible by generous sponsorships from our church family and friends.

Thank you.

A great day too for some of our teens and youth leader, Maggie Bell on the 28th!



Blessing of the Backpacks - August 28 during worship



What a joy to bless our youngest members as they head into a new school year! Prayers for a wonderful year!

Inspiring Worship

The Greatest Sermon Ever is coming to CPC this fall!

Yes, you read that right! Right here! No, Rev. Henry hasn't taken some special class to develop new powers and we're not bringing in a world class preacher...

Rather we are kicking off a new sermon series through the greatest sermon that has ever been preached by the Greatest Preacher ever. On Sunday, September 11, we'll jump into Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount. Approximately 2000 words that can be life changing. Read it for yourself in Matthew 5-7. Join us each Sunday as we unpack these words together.

Choir Rehearsal starts on Thursday, September 8

I welcome you, whether you want to become involved in one of our groups for the year or to just join us when your schedule permits. There is a place for all who want to take part.

Please contact me at gary4cpc@gmail.com and I will be happy to answer any of your questions, or sign you up.

Gary Ross

Praise Team 6:45 – 7:40 pm
Chancel Choir 7:45 – 9:00 pm



AV Help needed on Sunday mornings

We are building a team of volunteers who can assist in worship on a rotational basis with running the PowerPoint slides during the worship service, adjusting microphone levels as needed and recording the sermon.

On the job training will be provided and the rewards are eternal!

Please contact Tracey (tracey4cpc@gmail.com) or Gary (gary4cpc@gmail.com) as soon as possible to be added to this elite squad!

Welcome, Ian!

Student from Princeton Theological Seminary to serve at CPC.



Ian Clark, a second year seminarian at Princeton Theological Seminary will begin a yearlong field education placement at CPC on September 11. He will be involved in all areas of church life, including worship, education and mission.

A commissioned officer in the United States Navy, Ian is working towards a career in military chaplaincy and is in the ordination process with the PC(USA). Prior to coming to Princeton Seminary, Ian served in project management and consultancy roles in London, UK and Atlanta, Georgia where he specialized in significant infrastructure and transportation projects. From a ministry perspective, Ian has recently provided long-term pastoral coverage to a small Presbyterian church in Paterson, NJ and has also served as a hospital chaplain in London. Ian holds an MBA in Strategy from The University of Aberdeen (Scotland) and a BSc from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

Please welcome Ian warmly to our church family!

Save the Date Children's Service

On October 23,
our PreK through 5th graders will
help lead our Sunday Worship service.

Engaged Discipleship



We'll be
swinging
into
Sunday School
starting
September 18th!

Once again our preschoolers through 5th graders will be **Growing in Grace and Gratitude**, using the Presbyterian curriculum. This curriculum is rooted in the foundation of Presbyterian identity where God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship. We pray that this invitation to discipleship inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love.

Our group of 5 and under continues to grow and again this year Linda and Jim Pustai will be teaching the preschoolers with much spirit and love. They'll meet upstairs in the Green Room.

Kindergarteners through 5th graders will be led by Children's Ministry team members, Cathy Edelsberg, Kim Darcy and Joanne Berson. A great group of Sunday School teachers and assistants will join them and will teach on a rotating basis throughout the year. Our team currently includes, Martha Roth, Adrienne Hodulik, Liz Scannell, Lisa Miller, and teen assistants, Donavyn Meyh and Scott Jackle. If you would like to consider being a part of the Sunday School rotation we would love to have you. Please talk to Cathy, Kim, Joanne or Jenny Kunzman.

Sunday School begins at 10:40 with drop off upstairs in the respective classrooms and pick up time, again back at the classrooms, at 11:30.



The **Youth Ministry Program** is geared towards helping our 6-12th graders grow in fellowship while providing a grounding in scripture and prayer.

Grades 6 students will meet in the computer room 7th and 8th graders in the downstairs classroom.

This year, confirmation classes will be held in the Wolverton Building and are open to 9th and 10th graders. Maggie Bell has developed a wonderful plan for this year's confirmands and is excited to help them grow in faith. If you are interested in coming alongside Maggie and Leslie Hyman to teach our confirmands during the year, please reach out to them, they would love to have you as part of the team!

We're excited to let you know that we've revamped the High School Conversations program! This year, students will be exposed to a variety of ministries on a rotating basis. We hope that this exposure creates new connections for them as they develop into active adult members. Rotations will include the conversation classes they're used to as well as rotations in Sunday school and confirmation classes, mission and other ministries.

If you're interested in learning more about our Youth Ministry programs or helping out in any way, please reach out to one of the YM team members: Maggie Bell, Bill Berson, Jes Bruno, David Henry, Gwili Marsh, Emelia Maslanka, Kerry Maslanka, Paul Morrisette and Ross Traphagen.

Sunday Morning Adult Study

Our Seminarian, Ian Clark, will kick off a fall bible study for adults on September 18.

Join us for some lively conversations.

Class begins at 10:50 am.

Engaged Discipleship



Sunday Funday is back for a second year!

Open to all 3rd-5th graders, Sunday Funday is a great way to meet new kids - more than 35 kids joined us last year! - And have a lot of fun!

Our kickoff event will be Sunday, September 11 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

Bring a towel and be prepared to get wet... and don't forget a friend or two – you won't regret it!

Questions? Contact Emelia Maslanka at emeliamaslanka@gmail.com #cpcsundayfunday

Women's Bible Study Tuesday mornings @ 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall Starts September 13

We are a very *welcoming* group and no previous experience is necessary. Our first session will be led by Pastor Tracey and it will be a 7 week study based on The Sermon on the Mount.

The Sermon on the Mount is a collection of sayings and teachings of Jesus, which emphasizes his moral teaching found in the Gospel of Matthew.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Moller at 735-8148 or richard_moller_471@comcast.net

We now return to our regularly scheduled programming after an awesome summer...

CHAOS is back!!!

Chaos (Christians Hanging Around On Sundays) is open to all 6th - 12th graders and meets the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

High School Leadership Team (11th & 12th grades) meets 8:30 - 9:30 pm.

Each Sunday night will be a different theme, starting with the Presby Games on Sept. 11!

(Also known as the Olympic Games).

We can't wait to see you there - bring a friend or two to be entered in to win some cool prizes!

Contact Maggie Bell for more info -

maggie4cpc@gmail.com

**Check out our Instagram –
@cpc_chaos #cpcchristianswag**

Women's Bible Study Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 pm 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in Wolverton Starts October 5

Women of all ages are invited to join us for conversation and learning together. This Fall, we'll use Set Apart, a DVD based study on 1 & 2 Kings, as our guide. If you've never read these books before you are not alone! We will all be students together. Look forward to seeing you there. Email Tracey with any questions.

tracey4cpc@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Join us on October 1 at 7:30 am to kick off a new season together. All are welcome. Contact David Henry with any questions: dhenry169@gmail.com or 412.977.0390.

Engaged Discipleship

Keeping Our Children Safe

As a church we are committed to the safety, welfare, and protection of all children and youth participating in the activities and programs of our church. In May, Session adopted a newly crafted child protection policy, Keeping our Children Safe, as a means to help us meet this goal.

It includes a screening requirement for all staff and for supervisory volunteers working with children and youth and also outlines a number of conduct guidelines for all volunteers. Our young people place a great deal of trust in adult leaders in the church and we seek to honor that in every way possible. This purpose of this policy is to help us to do so in greater measure.

A copy of this policy has been shared with all staff and volunteers. Copies are also available in the church office.

Many thanks to the members of the Personnel Ministry Team for their leadership in this effort as well as members of the Youth and Children's Ministry Teams for their invaluable insight.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact Rich Prakopcyk, Personnel chair (richard.prakopcyk@HDRINC.com or 908.735.5255) or Rev. Tracey Henry.



Nurturing Relationships

FALL KICKOFF BREAKFAST

September 11 @ 10:30 am

Join us in (the freshly renovated!) Fellowship Hall for an All Church Breakfast to kick off the new school year!

The Connections Team is still looking for a few more breakfast casseroles and fresh fruit. They are also looking for people to help set-up and clean-up afterwards.

Contact Ino Sowder
(ino.sowder@gmail.com) or
Jill Prakopcyk (jrcelebr8@embarqmail.com)
if you are able to contribute/help.

Update on Mark and Becki Forman

Since leaving India, Mark and Becki purchased a house in North Carolina. So if you are ever passing through, let them know!

Their new address is:
10 Riders Court
Franklinton, NC 27525

Meals for Friends

Please consider volunteering to provide a meal for members of our church community who are in need of some extra help. To sign up, please follow these links. We greatly appreciate your support!

Bill and Eileen Mansfield

<http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=HAKX2970>

Pusztai Family

<http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=TLAU3673>

Doris Cramer

<http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=OUPH0645>

Rides

Anyone willing to bring Jack Sherrerd to church, contact Jeri Twigg at jeritwigg@gmail.com.



Open Cupboard Food Pantry

Clinton, New Jersey

This is a just a reminder that we collect toiletries and non-perishable food for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry here in Clinton. 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.

Transforming Mission

Mission Volunteer Opportunity: The Relief Bus Saturday, September 17

The Relief Bus outreach consists of two former school buses that have been converted to mobile resource centers that go out to the poor and homeless in NYC and Newark. Volunteers serve food, pass out clothing and befriend the poor and homeless in these cities. Relief Bus staff also provide social services referrals and spiritual support.

We will be serving with the Relief Bus at Port Authority on Saturday evening, September 17. We will leave CPC at 4:30 pm and return around midnight. Please contact Dave Kelly to volunteer or if you have any questions. (908 391-6372 or DLSH27@comcast.net)

Thank you for supporting the Relief Bus!



On **Saturday, October 15**, Clinton Presbyterian Church is going to leave the building and go serve in Jesus' name in the world. Plan to be a part of it. Dip your toe into mission for the first time or if you have been involved with mission for a long time, try a new venture this day. We'll have 5 or 6 options to choose from, including family friendly service opportunities.

We will be serving with Family Promise, Market Street Mission, Safe Harbor Easton, and the Flemington Food Panty. There will also be service opportunities available at CPC for families with young children.

Mark this date on your calendar now and be on the lookout for more details.

Our Boy Scout Troop 121

August Theme: Patrol Activities

The Troop continues to help by mowing the church grounds.

The Patrol Leaders Council – PLC, planned out next years' schedule.

Popcorn Sales begin soon and if you are interested in supporting our Boy Scout Troop by supporting our US Troops, purchasing popcorn, and/or have questions about our Troop or Pack contact Lisa Miller the Charter Organization Rep. at: RLMiller13@comcast.net

October

Coming Events

November

**October 15
Be The Church
Mission Day**

**October 22
Progressive
Dinner**

**October 30
Trunk or Treat**

**November 6
Fair Trade Sale**

**November 13/19
Thanksgiving
Baskets**

Ushering Schedule

September 4 Adrienne Hodulik,
Rick Hyman, Rich Prakopcyk

September 11 Puzstai Family

September 18 Mark and Sharon Holmsborg,
Ginny Brooks, Dennis Kotopoulos

September 25 Bill and Tammy Warner,
Cathy Nace, Liz Scannell

Fellowship Time

September – Mission Ministry

Counting Schedule

September 4 Karen Kursar, Mike Penyak

September 11 Dave Boyer

September 18 Lisa Miller, Jack Sherrerd

September 25 Liz Scannell, Bill Kreutel

September Birthdays

- 2 Connor Flynn, Ross Traphagen
- 3 Nora Klippstein, Willem Terblanche
- 4 Amanda Harclerode, Rev. Tracey Henry
- 6 Martha Roth
- 7 Ginny Brooks, Lonnie Little
- 8 Aidan Berson, Lisa Miller
- 9 Maggie Grove, Sandra Salemo
- 10 Helen Davis
- 11 Barry Lake
- 12 Stephen Miller, Gabriella Puzstai
- 14 Michael Brown, Fred Darcy
- 19 David Thompson, Rebecca Thompson
- 20 Gwili Marsh
- 22 Ken Westlin
- 23 Bill Mansfield, Kayla Morello
- 24 Nathaniel Stevens
- 25 Kim Darcy
- 26 Shelley Brankner
- 28 Katie Sinko
- 29 Graham Lundeen
- 30 Frank Bell



September Anniversaries

- 3 Bill and Joanne Berson
- 9 Glenn and Barbara Allen
- 13 Frank and Greta Bell
- 19 Dave and Laurel Kelly
- 21 Leigh and Sandra Salemo
- 22 Raymond and Nancy Paul
- 26 Wes and Sandy Kotter
- 27 Bill and Jan Kreutel