

PSALMS 111:1
Happy THANKSGIVING

*I will give thanks to the Lord with
all my heart...*

November 2016

Clinton Presbyterian Church

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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From the Pastor

Friends,

I offer this prayer for your use as the presidential election draws near. May these words offer direction as we lift our voices to God. See you in church – Tracey

A Prayer for our Nation

Living Lord,
You have told me what is good and what you require:
act with justice, overflow with mercy, walk with humility.
Together with my sisters and brothers I confess
that our nation has fallen far short of your instruction;
I see the consequences of our sin, I acknowledge my participation
and I grieve the painful wounds in our national life.
As I prepare to cast my vote, enable me to
quiet the divisive clamor of our national discourse,
so that I may hear your small, still voice.
Lead me in wisdom, to choose leaders who will seek the common welfare:
who will uplift my daughters and guide my sons.
who will walk with my mother and watch over my father.
who will shelter my neighbor and listen to strangers
leaders who will see the image of God in each one.
Help me to love those with whom I disagree.
Fill me with the reconciling power of Jesus Christ
so that I may be an instrument of peace,
a dismantler of divisive walls, a mender of broken places,
a seeker of truth and goodness.

Lord help me to pray in the company of
those who have gone before me, those who will go long after me,
those who walk beside me down the street today
and those whose paths may never cross mine.

Deliver me from fear that controls me.
Lead me toward "all that is beautiful, and all that is terrible,"
that I may be your hands and feet in this world that you love
and bring glory to your holy name.
Amen.



Thank you from one grateful Pastor!

“Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.”

Proverbs 16:21

Delicious goodies, generous gifts and the most encouraging of words – thank you, dear friends, for all your kindness towards me. I am humbled and thankful.

We journey on together.

Tracey



Be The Church Day

On Saturday, October 15, sixty CPC members went out to serve in the community in a variety ways. Groups served at the Market Street Mission (Morristown), Safe Harbor Easton, the Flemington Food Pantry, and the Friendship Center for New Beginnings (Flemington). Volunteers also planted flowers to beautify the Town of Clinton. A group of children and adults served at the church making door wreaths for the Rolling Hills Care Center, hygiene kits for the Relief Bus and baked treats for Clinton’s first responders.

Thank you to all those who donated their time on a Saturday to show the love of Christ to our community.



Relief Bus Missionary Visit to CPC on Sunday, October 16

Thank you to everyone who visited with Yaz and his family during their recent visit to CPC. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated as was the generous special offering that raised over \$600 to support Yaz’s ministry with the Relief Bus. Please consider volunteering with the group that CPC sends to the Relief Bus each month. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for future dates. It’s guaranteed to be rewarding to serve God by helping those in need in NYC, Newark and Paterson.



Children's Sunday – October 23

Our Pre-K through 5th graders lead is in a joy-filled worship service on October 23rd. All the way from the first note of “This Little Light of Mine” to the final “Amen” our children shared their God-given gifts and helped us to worship God together. Big thanks to all the kids, parents and Sunday school teachers who had a hand in making this morning so special.

Trunk or Treat at CPC!

The rain might have delayed our plans, but our celebrations on October 31st were worth the wait! Hundreds of trick or treaters and many more grown-ups joined in the fun on Monday night.

We had music, food and of course CANDY!

Thanks to all who decorated trunks and donated candy and to the Connections team for heading up this event.



Inspiring Worship

Upcoming in Worship

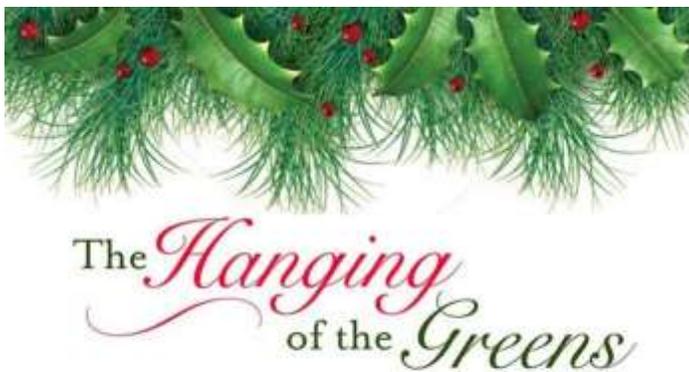
Rev. Henry will conclude the Fall Sermon Series “The Greatest Sermon Ever” in the month of November. Jesus has called us to upside down kingdom living. As we reflect on the Sermon on the Mount, may we ask every day, “what is God up to and how can I be a part of that?”

On Sunday November 20th, we will have a special service of Thanksgiving as we remember all of God’s good gifts.



It has been our custom in the last few years to pause on the first Sunday in November to remember with gratitude the lives of members our congregation who have passed away in the last year. This year, we would also like to include remembrances of loved ones from your extended families who have died since last November.

If you would like to have your loved one remembered on this date, please reach out to Rev. Henry or Cathy Nace, chair of worship (cnace57@yahoo.com) to share their name.



November 20 immediately following worship

We will start decorating the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 20 and would love to have your help. It is a time of fellowship and great fun to watch the church transform for the Christmas season.



Attention Bell Ringers!!!!

Our first bell choir practice will start Thursday, November 11 at 5:30.

We will be getting ready to ring at the December 4 Sunday morning service. No experience necessary.

See you then!

Gary Ross, Director of Music Ministries

Engaged Discipleship

The Wagon Challenge
Fill the Wagon with Love and Food,
now through November 6!



Sunday School students (pre-K through 5th) are partnering with the Mission Committee to help supply local families in need with groceries for their Thanksgiving Dinner! Students will try to meet the challenge of filling a wagon by bringing in some of the following items:

Jam, Creamy Peanut Butter, Corn,
Green Beans, Yams, Applesauce

On November 13, students will help share God's blessings and Love for their neighbors by packing the groceries and/or making Thanksgiving greeting cards for the families.

Sunday School Schedule for November

- Nov 6 Sunday School class. Last Day to donate to the Wagon Challenge!
- Nov 13 Thanksgiving Baskets and Cards (please send children to class so we can organize them)
- Nov 20 Sunday School class
- Nov 27 No Sunday School Class – Thanksgiving



Sunday School 10:40 – 11:40 am

Elementary Students Growing in Grace and Gratitude curriculum

Drop-off & Pick Up: Preschoolers: God's lighthouse (upstairs – green room)
K-5th graders: God's backyard (upstairs – blue room)

Middle School 6th Graders/Old Testament Meet in the Computer Room
7th & 8th graders/New Testament Meet in room under kitchen

Confirmation Meet in the Wolverton Building

High School Conversations All students grades 10 - 12 and any 9th graders who are not part of the Confirmation class.

November rotation: 11/6 – volunteering in Sunday School 11/13 – Mission/Thanksgiving Baskets in FH
11/20 – Conversations/Coral Spice Room

Adults (begins at 10:50) Seminary intern Ian Clark is facilitating. Meet in the downstairs middle room
The study on the Book of Numbers concludes on November 6th.

Engaged Discipleship

CHAOS CHAOS CHAOS

November is a month of giving thanks & we are so thankful for our Chaos Crew! So much excitement happened in October -- awesome games, a Halloween party & introducing our intern, Ian Clark, to Youth Ministry! He tested our Bible knowledge (and we were pretty smart, which we already knew)! November will be an awesome month with lots of exciting things in store!

Chaos dates:

November 13 & 27 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

All 6th - 12th graders welcome!

Mark your calendars for Lake Champion 2017!

High School January 20-22

Middle School March 17-19

On the Confirmation front, special thanks to Paul Morrissette, Bill Kreutel & Leslie Hyman for teaching this month! What an awesome group - we're excited to see what God does through our confirmands & our Chaos Crew!

See you 'round the church!

Maggie

maggie4cpc@gmail.com



Engaged Discipleship

Women's Morning Bible Study

Tuesday mornings in Fellowship Hall 9:30 – 11:30 am

Our current session on The Sermon on the Mount is being led by Pastor Tracey.

Meet every Tuesday in November

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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

Contact David Henry for more details - dhenry169@gmail.com

Meet on November 5 & 19

Women's Evening Bible Study

Meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings In the Wolverton Building at 7 pm. Throughout the fall we are using a study called "Set Apart" as a guide for our time together. All are welcome to join us.

Contact Tracey if you would like more information - tracey4cpc@gmail.com

Meet on November 2 & 16

Nurturing Relationships

We are so blessed to welcome these new friends to our church family! Please be sure to get to know them.



Jim Dornbusch and Zan Struebing
21 Beavers Road
Califon NJ 07830
(908) 832-0701



Fred and Judi Sifuentes
71 Center Street
Clinton NJ 08809
(908) 238-3545

Marsha Marasco
PO Box 182
High Bridge NJ 08829
(973) 945-3031



Lunch with Ian!

Get to know our Seminary Intern, Ian Clark, a little better by taking him to lunch!

Click on the link below for open Sundays!

<http://signup.com/go/PzeY9S>

Nurturing Relationships

Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Bazaar Sunday, November 6

On November 6, immediately after worship, the Deacons will be hosting a fair trade bazaar in Fellowship Hall. Merchandise from Women's Bean Project and SERRV, two organizations that work to eradicate poverty by providing job opportunities and fair wages to unemployed and impoverished women and support for artisans and farmers worldwide, will be available for order or purchase. Products include gourmet food items, handmade jewelry, home décor, and handicrafts. Start your Christmas shopping with gifts that make a difference. Cash, check or credit cards will be accepted.

The mission of Women's Bean Project is to change women's lives by providing stepping stones to self-sufficiency through social enterprise. Women's Bean Project is a transitional job training program for chronically unemployed and impoverished women. The program helps them earn the job readiness, interpersonal and life skills to create a new future - for themselves, their families, their community and their economy.

SERRV is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. They believe artisans and farmers around the world should have the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and support their families through fair payments and respectful relationships. SERRV believes education is a crucial tool needed for families and communities to break the cycle of poverty. By providing education for children and fair wages to adults, SERRV and its fair trade partners are having a direct impact on poverty and are giving children hope and opportunity for a better future.

Bill & Beverly Harclerode have moved!

If you would like to stay in touch with them,
their new address is:
59 Galley Way
Little Egg Harbor NJ 08087

Deacon Update

The Table of Well Wishes continues to be a success. Every Sunday after church in Fellowship Hall, we provide cards for people to sign, in order to send words of sympathy, encouragement or celebration. Please stop by and add your name to these cards! It's a great way to stay in touch with fellow members of our church family.

Deacons continue to provide service to members of our congregation by giving of our own time to provide meals, visits, rides, prayers, etc. If you need support, or know of anyone who does, please let your deacon (or any deacon) know.

As always a big part of being a deacon is our prayer ministry. That continues to be a mainstay at CPC. If you or others that you know and love have needs we can pray for, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Meals

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>

Chris and Deirdre Blaus

<http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=EHRU0499>

Rides

Anyone willing to bring Jack Sherrerd to church, or to drive Chris Blaus to New Brunswick for radiation treatments, contact Jeri Twigg at jeritwigg@gmail.com.

Remember, if you can't get to church on Sunday to hear the word of the Lord that our pastor teaches us, you can always go to our website www.clintonpresbyterian.net and listen to the most current sermon.

Transforming Mission

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

It has been a tradition at CPC for many years to distribute food baskets. As needs increase and families are stretched more and more we are eager to continue with this ministry. We hope to deliver a total of 50 - 60 baskets. This year, we would like to ask for your involvement in a new way as we seek to share Christ's love.

There are many ways in which you can help:

Purchase non-perishable items

You are invited to purchase the items on the **shopping list (on reverse side)** and to return them to Fellowship Hall between **October 23 and November 9**.

Monetary donations

Perishable items will be purchased by the Mission Team for a reduced rate at ShopRite. Donations of any amount will be gratefully received **prior to November 6**. Mail checks to the church office or drop them in the offering plate, clearly **marked "Thanksgiving Baskets"**.

Turkey Donations

If you want to donate a turkey you **MUST let Sandie know no later than November 9**.

Basket Assembly November 13

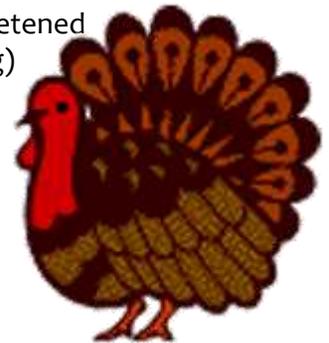
Following worship everyone is encouraged to make their way to Fellowship Hall to help us assemble baskets. This hands-on service is part of our stewardship. Remember – many hands make light work!

Basket Delivery November 19

Delivering 50 - 60 baskets is a big task. We'd be grateful for lots of help! Time commitment is between 9 am and noon. To sign-up, contact Sandie Lundeen at sllundeen@comcast.net or 908-730-6958.

Shopping List

Canned Sweet Whole Kernel Corn
Canned French Style Green Beans
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Jellied Cranberry Sauce
Jar of Applesauce/no unsweetened
Herb Seasoned Stuffing (bag)
Can/Jar of Turkey Gravy
Apple Juice (64 oz.)
Can of Coffee
Box of Tea Bags
Peanut Butter
Crackers
Box of Dry Pasta



Giving Tree

Starting Sunday, November 13th, our Giving Tree will be in the back of the Sanctuary. Please take the opportunity to help the mission partners that we support during the year. This year we will be helping children and teens in Maine, a family in Kentucky, single mothers and their children at The Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington, The Market Street Mission in Morristown, Family Promise in Hunterdon County and the Relief Bus. There are tags on the tree that have needed gifts and supplies for all of these missions. It is easy to participate in this activity. Simply remove a tag and purchase the item needed.

Please return the item unwrapped and place it under the tree **no later than December 5**. If you wish to, you can also include wrapping paper to be used by the families.

On Tuesday, December 6 at 7 pm, the Mission Ministry will gather in Fellowship Hall to pack the gifts for mailing. We welcome you to join us. The Giving Tree is a simple and enjoyable way to help others during the Christmas season. **Thank you for your support of those in need this Christmas!**

Transforming Mission



Mission Volunteer Opportunity: The Relief Bus on Saturday, November 19

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 in Paterson on Saturday evening, November 19. 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!



Please join us in supporting mission and ministry at CPC in 2017. Pledge cards were mailed to all members and extras are available at the back of the Sanctuary. You can also pledge online at <http://clintonpresbyterian.net/stewardship/online-stewardship-pledge/>.

For each pledge received a new bird is being added to our tree. Each one represents a fresh commitment to God's work here.

The Stewardship Team is asking that our pledges be received on or before Sunday, November 13. On this day we will dedicate pledges during worship.

For a snapshot of our life together and our needs for ministry in 2017, check out our narrative budget on the website.

Treasurer's Report Summary/September

	Sept.	YTD Actual	Budget YTD
Income	\$16,716	\$203,859	\$229,320
Expense	\$22,591	\$258,674	\$288,891
Operating Deficit	(\$5,875)	(\$54,815)	(\$59,571)



Faithful Stewardship

Session Round-Up

Children's

October 23rd is Children's Sunday. The preschoolers through 5th graders will be participating in the various aspects of worship.

Connections

Sunday, October 30th will be Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at CPC. Come for fun, food and fellowship. See the church website for more details.

Finance

The budget was presented to the membership at the Congregational Meeting on October 16 after worship. Also at this meeting the congregation voted on the Pastor's salary for 2017.

Mission

On Saturday, October 15 over 60 people participated *Be the Church*, a Day of Service. On October 16, Yaz, visited and brought the Relief Bus to CPC. During worship he gave an update on the happenings of the past year and the people whom he serves. After worship he gave us a tour of the bus. A special offering was taken and given to Yaz to support his urban mission. The next trips scheduled with the Relief Bus are Friday, October 28 to Newark and November 19 to Paterson.

Property

A discussion and explanation of the Contract/Bid Process and Mini Manse rental agreement was held. Session reviewed the Capital and Property Operating Budget for 2016 prioritizing the property to do list and the 2017 Capital Budget focusing on the energy conversion at CPC was discussed.

Session

Approved the following: use of the Fellowship Hall by the Boy Scouts for training on November 30 and a classroom for Pack 190 Den 9 for Wednesday den meetings from October 26, 2016 through May 24, 2017.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Campaign, *Soaring to New Heights*, has begun. Pledge cards have been sent.

Worship

Preparations are beginning for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Youth

The Lake Champion retreat is scheduled for January 20-22, 2017. Confirmation class is underway.



Advent/Christmas Preview



Join us in Fellowship Hall after the Clinton Christmas Parade on Friday, December 2.

Join us on Wednesday evening, December 7, 14 & 12 for a service of prayer and reflection.
7pm in the Sanctuary

Advent Vespers



The holiday season can be difficult for many reasons. It can be hard to come and worship God joyfully because of the loss of a family member or a friend, the end of a marriage, illness, loss of work or other trying change. We will offer a quiet meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, time for sharing our hurting places with God, and time for preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. All are welcome.



Worship Service – December 18 @ 5 PM

5pm Family Service

As a congregation we will retell the story of Christ's birth with the angels, the shepherds and the sheep.
Don't miss this special service.

11pm Candlelight Communion Service

Come and be lifted in joy through Word and Song as we welcome the Christ child and usher in Christmas Day at this candlelight service.



November Birthdays

- 1 Ino Sowder
- 2 Amey Barnes, Liam Berson, Andrew Christopher, Reed Heine, Castor Penyak, Rosemary Sudol
- 3 Kim Sayre
- 5 Sharon Holmsborg
- 6 Ashley Krushinski
- 7 Jackie Cocchiola, Jan Kreutel
- 9 Emily Madurki, Rebecca Roth, Matthew Sergison
- 12 Kinsco Pusztai
- 15 Finnian Berson
- 16 Robert Tombs
- 17 Rory Kotter
- 18 Bev Harclerode
- 19 Iva Musnuff
- 20 Scott Lundeen
- 21 Joseph LaSpada
- 24 Doris Cramer, Alison Pelose
- 25 Scarlett Penyak
- 27 Keith Grove, Carol Kotopoulos
- 28 Barbara Lewis
- 29 Cynthia Christopher
- 30 Matthew Hodulik

November Anniversaries

- 7 Caleb and Christina Schlegel
- 16 David and Caroline Sergison
- 20 Tom and Shelley Brankner
- 23 Randy and Sue Whitt



Our Boy Scout Troop 121

The Troop participated in The Scout Fest sponsored by our Boy Scout Council - Washington Crossing Council. It was a weekend event and thousands of scouts from the Council's troops attended. Our Troop's band opened the event on Saturday.

The Annual Webelos Invitational Camp sponsored by our troop was held at Echo Hill. It introduces 5th grade Cub Scouts to Boy Scouting.

The Troop continues to help with Church property maintenance.

Questions - contact Lisa Miller, Charter Representative
RLMiller13@comcast.net or 730-8004



2016 Interchurch for Churches from Clinton - Whitehouse

Where? Round Valley United Methodist Church
30 Main St, Lebanon, NJ 08833 · 908.236-2332

When? 7:30pm Tuesday, November 22.

Who? All who desire an interchurch celebration of God's blessings.