



# Clinton Presbyterian Church

## 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 I reflect on 2017 so far prayers of thanksgiving come quickly to mind. We have welcomed 5 new confirmands, 2 new members and baptized 2 infants. We have supported 19 high school students as they served in Philadelphia, 70 members served in the local community for our Be the Church Day and during the month of July our Sanctuary was filled with little dancers and singers celebrating that God made us at VBS!

All of these ministries and missions are made possible by the power of the Spirit working through you, to love, worship, serve and give.

At this point in the summer, I want to thank you for your generous financial support. Through this season of summer travel many of you have continued your practice of giving, using our online resources. Thank you! If you would like to learn more about our online giving tools check out the stewardship tab on our website at [www.clintonpresbyterian.net](http://www.clintonpresbyterian.net)

And together with my thanks, I want to pose a question to you once again: What are your dreams for CPC? I've been encouraging us to dream a little since we celebrated Pentecost Sunday back in June and now I am eager to hear what God has put on your heart and mind for our future together. To make it simple for you to respond, I've created a survey which you will receive via email by the end of this week. It will take only minutes of your time, but your visions and ideas, your dreams and your hopes will help shape our next chapter here at CPC. Please take the time to read and respond.

In these warm days may you know the refreshment of the Lord!

See you in church!

Tracey

A group of 19 students and 6 leaders traveled from CPC to Philadelphia to serve Jesus during the week of June 18. Not only did they serve with various local ministries and community groups during the mornings, but each afternoon were able to participate in VBS and go to the streets of North Philadelphia to spread God's word. What a great week!

Thanks to everyone who supported the trip through prayer and financial assistance. Without your generosity the week would not have been possible.



**God has a reason for my life.  
I'm gonna shout it out without a doubt.  
I was born for this - built for a purpose!**



Hoses and outlets, gears and paint, workbench and blueprints... VBS transformed forty children into hands-on inventors (and maybe even into future members of our Property Committee!). During the week of July 10 – 14, we shared the message that God is the *Ultimate Creator* - that **God made you, is for you, is always with you, will always love you and made you for a reason.** Thank you, parents, for bringing your kids to Vacation Bible Camp each evening. How important to know that we all are **created by God** and **built for a purpose!**

Our VBS mission project benefited the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton. Our conveyor belt robot was ready to accept approximately 150 cans and boxes of nonperishables generously given by our VBS families. Serving local families in need... We were built for that purpose!

God blessed us with 44 volunteers who enthusiastically gave up their week to assist us. God created each one for a specific VBS purpose. God granted to some the gift of creativity, to others the gift of organization.

He built some with culinary skills and others with acting abilities and technical knowledge. Some He made handy with tools and a paintbrush. Some were designed to share love with the children and guide them through the night. Some were made to celebrate with music, some to lighten it up with games, some to make us laugh. Some are gifted storytellers and teachers. Others captured the week in photos. And someone special kept us on track by channeling phone calls and messages and copying needed materials for us (thank you, Diane!).

Our kitchen crew provided a delicious dinner each evening. Colalillo ShopRite partnered with us again, giving a generous donation. And Kona Ice kindly offered us a great discount so the kids could cool off with frozen treats on our last day.

God did build each one of us for a reason and – together – we made VBS happen! Thank you to all who found his purpose as a volunteer. **Did God build you for the purpose of NEXT year's VBS?** Pray about it. The countdown to VBS 2018 has begun.





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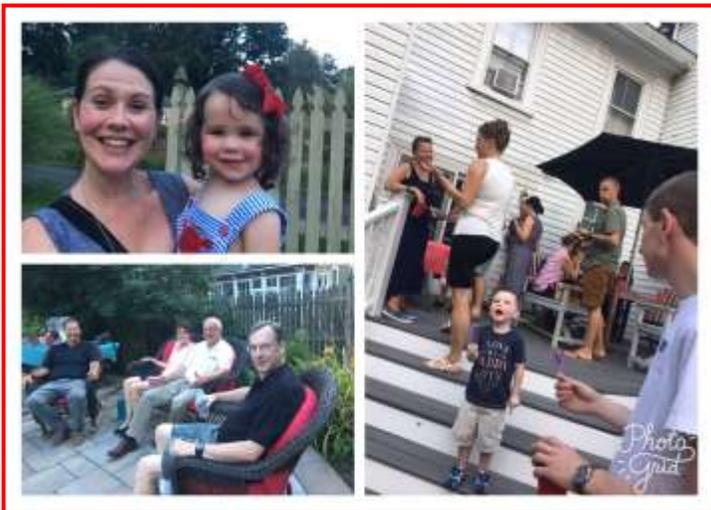
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## New Officers Ready to Serve

On June 25 we ordained and installed our new officers for the upcoming season at CPC. Barbara Allen, David Henry, Rick Hyman and Jason Krushinski will join the deacon board while Sandie Lundeen, Jessica Bruno and Ross Traphagen will join session. Elders Bill Kreutel and Mark Holmsborg will begin a second term on session. We are excited to see what the future holds at CPC!



## Summer Supper @ the Manse

It was a perfect summer evening for outdoor dining with friends on July 19<sup>th</sup>! There was plenty of food, plenty of laughter and lots of joy. We are so thankful for these summer days – Praise the Lord!

## Baptism

Also on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June we welcomed Henry James Kvarta to the family of God through his baptism. How blessed we are to have Henry and his family at CPC!



*Thank you all so much for donating to the special offering and offering your prayers for my mission trip to Costa Rica.*

*Kim Bieksha*

# Flat Jesus

Flat Jesus is enjoying another summer full of adventures. After his graduation from North, he celebrated at the ICC Fair with Mollie, relaxed by the lake with Jim and served on the mission trip in Philly. A planned trip to San Francisco with the Blaus family ended with him getting lost in San Francisco airport, but thankfully he found his way back home again and was able to travel to Canada with the Brunos. He even had time for a pit stop at CPC for VBS!

Remember to take him with you on your travels and send your photos to Tracey – [tracey4cpc@gmail.com](mailto:tracey4cpc@gmail.com). Rumor has it that there gift certificates to the Fudge Shop to be won!



# Save the Dates



## August 27 during worship

It's almost time for a new school year! Bring your backpacks (and work bags!) to church on Sunday August 27 for a special **Blessing of the Backpacks**. Old and young are invited to participate!

## Kick-Off Breakfast September 10 @ 10:30

Join us in Fellowship Hall for an **All Church Breakfast** to kick-off the new school year! We'll reminisce about summer and look forward to plans for the fall - don't miss it!

**Sunday School for all ages resumes on September 17!**



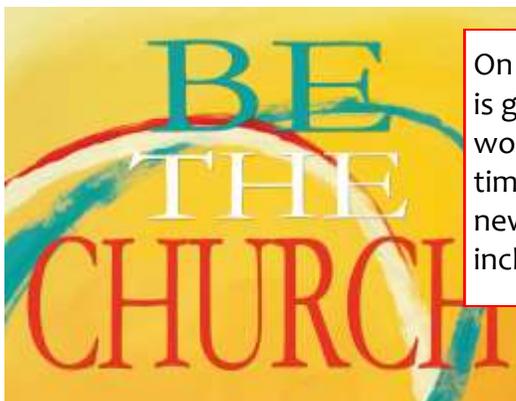
## Women's Bible Studies

Beginning September 12, Tracey will lead us in a 6 week study through the beginning chapters of the Book of Acts, exploring the dynamic faith of the early church.



**Tuesday mornings  
at 10 am**

**in Fellowship Hall**



On **Saturday, October 21**, 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.

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

## DEACON UPDATE *by Laurel Kelly*

Your Deacon Board is here to help you!

Did you know that every member of the congregation has his/her very own Deacon? If you are ever in need of assistance (examples: meals, rides, etc.) or prayers, you can let your Deacon (or any one of us) know. We love good news too, so feel free to share that with us as well. The congregation is divided up by the first letter of the last name as follows:

David Henry – Letters A, N, O

Rick Hyman – Letter M

Jason Krushinski – Letter B

Nancy Paul Letter S

Wendy Morrissette – Letters C & L

Lonnie Little – Letters I, J & K

Laurel Kelly – Letters D & E

Judy Beck – Letter P

Sharon Rosenberg – Letter H

Barbara Allen – Letters Q, R & T

Martha Roth – Letters F, G, V, & W

**Be on the lookout for a letter from your Deacon in September!**

### **Meal Donations:**

Please consider volunteering to provide a meal for those in our church community who are in need of an extra helping hand. Specifically at this time, we are looking for people to bring meals to Doris Cramer.

To sign up please follow the link below.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

### **Food Pantry Donations:**

We continue to 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.

We thank you for your support. The food pantry is always very appreciative of our donations.



## **Our Boy Scout Troop 121**

### ***June Theme: Troop Olympics***

The Troop finished participating in Scouting for Food by picking up donated food and delivering it to The Open Cupboard Pantry. There was a camping and ocean kayaking weekend.

The Troop and Band participated in the Clinton Flag Day Parade and organized and ran the Annual Troop Flag Retirement Ceremony at The Red Mill. Rev. Henry opened the ceremony in prayer.

The Troop band was invited by Eric Peterson, NJ Assemblyman, to play at the NJ State House.

There were three Eagle Scout Court of Honors, celebrating three more of the Troop's Scouts earning the Rank of Eagle.

The Spring Annual Court of Honor/Family Campout was again held at Furnace Lake in Oxford.

### ***July Theme: Summer Fun***

The Troop started its Summer Fun at Hunts Mill Park with a variety of water games.

The Troop lead The Flag Opening Ceremony and then led the Annual Lebanon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

They swam, tubed and picnicked at the South Branch for one of their meetings.

For a Troop meeting a bike/hike along the Lansdale Trail was taken.

A large majority of The Troop Attended Summer Camp at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Pipersville, PA.

If you have any questions about the Troop or Pack, please contact our Charter Organization Rep.  
Lisa Miller at [RLMiller13@comcast.net](mailto:RLMiller13@comcast.net).

### Ushering Schedule

August 6 Morrissette Family  
August 13 John and Martha Roth,  
Lonnie and Mollie Little  
August 20 Maslanka Family  
August 27 Judy Beck, Cathy Nace,  
Liz Scannell, Joe LaSpada

### Fellowship Time

August – Youth Ministry

### Nursery Schedule

August 6 Rich & Jill Prakopcyk, Heather Kelly  
August 13 Jes & Colin Bruno, Kinsco Pusztai  
August 20 Evie Lebron & Sharon Rosenberg,  
Heather Kelly  
August 27 Judi & Fred Sifuentes, Kinsco Pusztai

### August Birthdays

2 Heather Kelly, Emelia Maslanka, Julie McCutcheon,  
3 Kay Daughters-Musnuff, Caroline Paul, Evelyn Voget  
5 Eileen Mansfield, William Spencer  
6 Megan Sergison, Elisna Terblanche  
7 Amelia Brown  
11 Jim Imbriaco, Lee Longell, Judi Sifuentes  
12 Lois Anderson  
13 Jessica Bruno  
15 Evan Christopher, Linda Wilton-McCaffrey  
16 Sarah Kelly  
17 Doug Martin, David Scannell  
18 Jordan Boyland, Ralph Marsh  
19 Joanne Berson  
20 Nancy Paul  
22 Madelyn Ahmed  
26 Cathy Nace  
27 Jack Sherrerd  
29 Michelle Annese, Nell McCarthy  
30 Sharon Bittenmaster  
31 Levente Pusztai



### August Anniversaries

1 Larry and Karen Kursar  
4 Daniel and Tara Nuzzo  
7 Jim and Linda Pustai  
8 Brian and Michelle Annese  
14 Bill and Ino Sowder  
17 Brian and Amey Barnes, Andrew and Megan Kvarata  
22 Jim and Arleen Imbriaco, Bill and Tammy Warner  
24 Tom and Adrienne Hodulik  
25 Omar and Victoria Ahmed, Roger and Jeri Twigg  
26 Dave and Cindy Boyer