



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,

It's once again an exciting time of year here at CPC with lots of opportunities to re-engage with our church family. Breakfasts, bible studies, Sunday school, youth group – take some time to mark your calendar for fall events.

However as we prepare for this new season and send our kids off to school with new clothes and backpacks full of supplies, surely our hearts and prayers are with churches and families in the Houston area who are facing the unimaginable after Hurricane Harvey. Long days of rebuilding and recovery lie ahead. I am glad to report that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the emergency response arm of our denomination, is in close contact with Mission Presbytery and New Covenant Presbytery and volunteers are already on the ground to lend a helping hand. I am confident that there will be an opportunity for us to support our neighbors in Houston by becoming directly involved with relief efforts in the near future.

In the meantime, we can offer our prayers and our financial support from a distance. I have been in touch with Rev. Kristin Galle, Interim Pastor of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church in Houston to learn of their current needs and see if we might partner with them as they respond to the immediate crisis in their area. Thankfully the church itself experienced only minimal water damage and congregation members are already engaged with reaching out to support their neighbors in need. Tonight (Thursday) they are hosting a community wide dinner and collecting a number of supplies for local shelters. They are mobilizing for action and will be there for the long haul. (Check out their website to learn more about the church - www.springbranchpres.org)

As they continue their recovery efforts in the community I would like to invite us to receive a special offering over the next few weeks to support their ministry. The church leadership of Spring Branch will keep us updated on how our gifts are used and will also keep us apprised of current prayer needs. I am confident that 100% of our donations will be used to meet deep needs. Special offerings will be collected during worship.

In the midst of a tragedy, we have the opportunity to build a relationship with brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks be to God. Please join me in standing with these friends in faith and prayer.

See you in church –

Tracey



On August 24, 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!



Inspiring Worship



“Reformed”

This fall marks the 500th anniversary of the protestant reformation, a reformation that began with the 95 theses that Martin Luther first made public on Oct. 31, 1517. As a congregation we will commemorate this anniversary by lifting up some of the central claims of the reformation in our worship services through the fall.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal starts on Thursday, August 31 and Praise Team on September 7

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 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Chancel Choir 7:30 – 8:45 pm



Save the Date Children's Service

On October 22,
our PreK through 5th graders will
help lead our Sunday Worship service.

Welcome, Mary!

Student from
Princeton Theological
Seminary to serve
at CPC starting on
September 17.



Mary Morrow

Growing up on a small dairy farm in central Pennsylvania has been a great influence on my life. Farming created a strong bond between me, my family, and the land. I started at Penn State University in engineering, but quickly realized I wanted to continue in my father's footsteps and switched to animal sciences. For four years after graduating, I milked cows and cared for calves with my dad. However, I discovered that I was also being called into some kind of ministry, and in 2011, I decided to go to Peru as a Young Adult Volunteer for a year with the PC (USA). I lived in the high Andes and put my agricultural knowledge to work for the farmers in the region. When I returned home, I found that there was a need for someone who could train Spanish-speaking employees on Pennsylvania's dairy farms. I continue to provide that service to dairy farmers. In the years since returning from Peru I have had the opportunity to pursue a number of interests. One of the most formative has been with my church where I have been entrusted with a growing amount of responsibility. Through their support and encouragement, I have found myself at seminary studying to be a pastor. (Admittedly, I return to the home farm as often as I can to milk my dear cows.) I am looking forward to learning from and developing skills with the people of Clinton Presbyterian Church. God has given me this time to focus on becoming equipped to do the work God has planned for me, and I find it exciting!

Please welcome Mary warmly to our church family!

Engaged Discipleship

We are "Gearing Up" for Sunday School this year at CPC! Classes will be resuming on September 17 for all ages!

For our Children's Ministry start-up we are asking parents to join us on the opening day on the 17th. We'd like to share with you our thoughts for the upcoming year and let you experience the enjoyment of watching these children grow in God's love.

Preschoolers (3 and 4's) will meet in the preschool room upstairs. Joanne Berson will be teaching the preschool class this year.

Our youngest disciples will learn more about God through story and play as they are guided by our denomination's curriculum "Grace and Gratitude.

Kindergarten – 5th grade

Children will dive into God's word, exploring prayer and parables and also learning more about the church and church seasons. Along with our regular classroom Sundays, we will also include weeks of a rotational model where we hope to get out of our usual classrooms, use the church around us, and along with special guest teachers, learn how God lives within our daily lives.

K-2 – will meet upstairs in the Blue Room and Grades 3 - 5 will meet in the Coral Spice Room.

Teachers: Kim Darcy, Cathy Edelsberg, Adrienne Hodulik, Judi Sifuentes, Jenny Kunzman, and Donovyn Meyh.

Middle School Class (6-8)

Meet in the downstairs classroom

The dynamic duo, Bob Tombs and Paul Morrissette will guide our middle school through an all-new curriculum, Spice Rack. Developed by youth ministry experts, lessons are designed to be fun and to help middle school students engage faith with their hearts and their minds. We are excited!

High School Class

Meet in the Wolverton Building

Leslie Hyman and Bill Berson are ready to delve deep with our high school students using the Groove Bible Study series. Topical studies will allow students to see the relevance of faith in their everyday life and the importance of serving Jesus.

Adults

Gather in the downstairs middle classroom with Rev. Henry and Mary Morrow, our new intern from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Throughout the year we'll study God's word together, learn from one another and pray together. We'll kick off the year with a bible study connected to the sermon series "Reformed".



**September 10 @ 10:30 am
Join us in Fellowship Hall
for an All Church Breakfast
to kick off
the new school year!**

Engaged Discipleship

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.

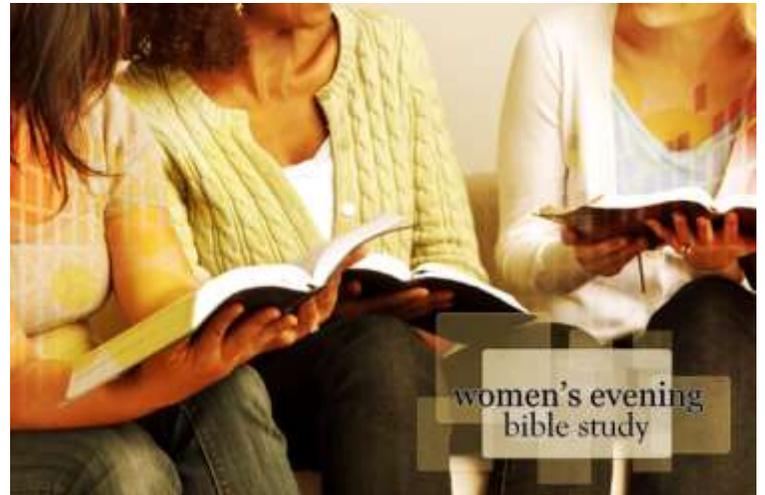
*Tuesday mornings
at 10 am
in Fellowship Hall*

Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 pm
in the Wolverton building**

Our evening bible study will resume on September 20 at 7:00 pm. Throughout the fall and winter months we'll explore New Testament encounters between Jesus and six women and see how we are called to develop and invest our gifts and talents to move church and society closer to the kingdom vision.

Fall dates: September 20, October 4 & 18,
November 1 & 15



Men's Breakfast is Back!

We'll resume our time together on Saturday, September 16 @ 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome to join us for conversation, food and prayer.

Fall dates: September 16, October 7 & 21,
November 4 & 18

Engaged Discipleship

They're back...

Join us for CHAOS & Sunday Funday Kick-Off
Sunday, September 17 in Fellowship Hall
Sunday Funday (3rd – 5th grades) 5:30-6:30 pm
CHAOS (6th – 12th grades) 7:00-8:30 pm

Happy Fall, y'all! We celebrated the end of the summer BIG with a pretty rad BBQ at the manse – thanks to Tracey, David & the boys for hosting nearly 20 youth & 'older' youth!! It's time for a new year with new adventures! We'll kick off our Sunday School year on September 10 with an awesome all-church breakfast – we can't wait to see you there! Sunday Funday, CHAOS, and regular Sunday School classes start on September 17th.

Check out our supah themed CHAOS weeks:
9/17 – Town Photo Scavenger Hunt
10/1 – Old School Youth Group Games (some of Maggie's favorites from when she was just a youngin')
10/15 – Harry Potter Week
10/29 – 5th Sunday! Special event TBA

11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17
Check out the October newsletter for our November & December themes!



*CHAOS & Sunday Funday meet the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month (keep an eye out for "5th Sunday", coming to you certain months of the year)!

It's going to be a stellar year & we are so grateful to have y'all along for the ride with us! Questions? Want to get involved? Email Maggie Bell at maggie4cpc@gmail.com

Follow us on INSTA!! @chaosyouthministry

Sunday Funday & CHAOS are going to be off the charts this year!

Theme weeks + more leaders + YOU =

FUN

Nurturing Relationships



Dear Friends,

It is impossible to put in to words what this church family has meant to us. CPC has been our foundation. We've faced challenges, sadness and wonderful joys together. You have supported us and loved us and we will be forever grateful.

It has been a joy to share God's love and grown deeper in faith with you over these past 25 years. We are excited for the plans God has for you all!

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." A. A. Milne
We are so very lucky!

Till we meet again, Jeri & Roger

"Every time I think of you I thank God" Phil 1:3

PS: If you ever in the Charlotte area, please stop by - 15509 Stillwater Crossing Lane, Huntersville, NC 28078

Update: Ian Clark

One of the perks of being in seminary is that you get summer breaks! I've been using my time for both personal and professional growth.



Personally, the big news is that my partner Kaitlin and I got engaged while on a backpacking trip in Iceland! We're absolutely overjoyed and are so blessed that the Lord brought us together in this way. Beyond the joy of the engagement, our trip to Iceland was a wonderful one; full of adventure. Surprisingly, Kaitlin still wanted to marry me even after living in a tent with me - so it must be true love! Professionally, I spent a month at the Navy's chaplaincy school at Fort Jackson, SC. This was a wonderful opportunity to train alongside religious leaders from across the country... it was a tough but rewarding experience, and I even got to spend some time living on an aircraft carrier in Norfolk! This fall, in addition to my courses, I will be serving with the chaplaincy team at Princeton Healthcare System. This will be a great opportunity to grow in ministry by exploring the clinical side of pastoral care, a nice complement to the parish side which I experienced at CPC. I am also in the midst of training for a marathon, so I'm keeping myself busy with a lot of running. It's been an eventful few months since departing CPC, but I've enjoyed it all! You are all in my prayers!

Nurturing Relationships

Ministry Teams @ Work!

In September our ministry teams are launching into a new season of service here at Clinton Presbyterian.

The teams are:

Discipleship (Incorporating both Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry)

Fellowship and Member Care

Mission

Operations (Incorporating Finance, Property and Personnel)

Welcome and Growth

Worship



Ministry teams will be ably steered by our elders and deacons and each team is designed to help further our mission and ministry.

We are taking a new approach this fall and all ministry teams will meet on the first Tuesday night of each month – it's Meeting Night!!

Having everyone in the building at the same time will allow teams to work together more easily and we are excited to think about all the energy in the building! It's going to be a great year!

If you are not currently serving on a ministry team and would like to get in on the action, please reach out to Tracey and let her know!

In addition to "Meeting Night" we will also have "Board Night" on the 3rd Tuesdays of each month, with deacon and elders gathering in their respective boards and joining together to work and worship through the year.

DEACON UPDATE

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 Morrisette – 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

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.

Exciting News! 140 lbs. of goods were delivered to the food pantry after the Vacation Bible School collections and another 91 lbs. were delivered mid-August! Thank you for your support! The food pantry is always very appreciative of our donations.

Meals for Friends: 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=OUPHo645>

Transforming Mission

Mission Volunteer Opportunity: The Relief Bus Saturday, September 16

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 16. Please contact Sandie Lundeen to volunteer or if you have any questions - sllundeen@comcast.net

Thank you for supporting the Relief Bus!

BE THE CHURCH.

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.

Our Boy Scout Troop 121

August Theme: Just Hanging Out There

Popcorn Sales have begun. If you would like to purchase popcorn or contribute popcorn to our US Troops and their families, please contact Lisa Miller.

A portion of the proceeds for either go to our Troop to help offset the costs of activities.

The Patrols met on their own, each planning different activities such as The Gravity Vault in Chatham and Dutch Springs Resort in PA.

The Troop participated in Scout Day at The North Branch Library; handing out Boys Life Magazine, the official Boy Scout publication.

A Troop Open House Campfire was held at The Valley Crest Preserve. This was an opportunity for boys of both Cub Scout and Boy Scout age to come with their parents and see what Scouting is all about.

At the monthly Troop Committee Meeting Lisa Miller introduced Linda Schipmann-Pustai and Rick Hyman. They will be CPC's joint Charter Organization Representatives.

If you have any questions about our Troop please contact

Linda at LindaSchipmann@hotmail.com or 908.285.1190 or Rick at RHyman@embarqmail.com or 908.713.0031

I want to thank Linda and Rick for their willingness to serve and thank CPC for allowing me to represent our church. It has been a wonderful experience and I appreciated I could serve both while our sons Stephen and Matthew were active in The Troop and after.

Lisa Miller

Faithful Stewardship

Session Round-Up

Children's

The team is getting ready for the first day of Sunday School, September 17th. This year the Preschoolers through 5th grade will be "Geared up for God" as the preschoolers follow in *God's Grace and Gratitude* and the Kindergarteners-5th graders will be actively involved in digging into the Bible, learning about the church, the church seasons, prayer and parables through a rotational schedule. The team welcomes Judi Sifuentes to Children's Ministry.

New teams have been formed and will begin their formal meetings in September. The first Tuesday of each month is designated for all teams to meet. This way they are able to collaborate if needed.

These new teams are:

- **Discipleship** previously **Children's and Youth Ministry**
- **Fellowship and Member Care**
- **Mission**
- **Operations** previously **Personal, Property and Finance**
- **Welcome and Growth**
- **Worship**

Finance

Plans for the sale of the Mini Manse continue. The current renters have been given the asking price and are taking the next steps needed to purchase the property.

The oil to gas refunds have been received. Church pledges are at 99% of Budget for 2017. Online giving has been successful receiving over \$20,000 since January 1, 2017. Monies from an anonymous gift which have been allocated to Mission and completion of the Fellowship Hall are still available.

Mission

The Day of Service is October 21st. The director of Family Promise is coming to discuss the possibility of CPC becoming a host church.

Property

Donnelly Energy has sent estimate for the CPC energy conversion which includes lights, air conditioning and boiler. A motion was made and passed, setting aside these projects and moving ahead with the Donnelly Group.



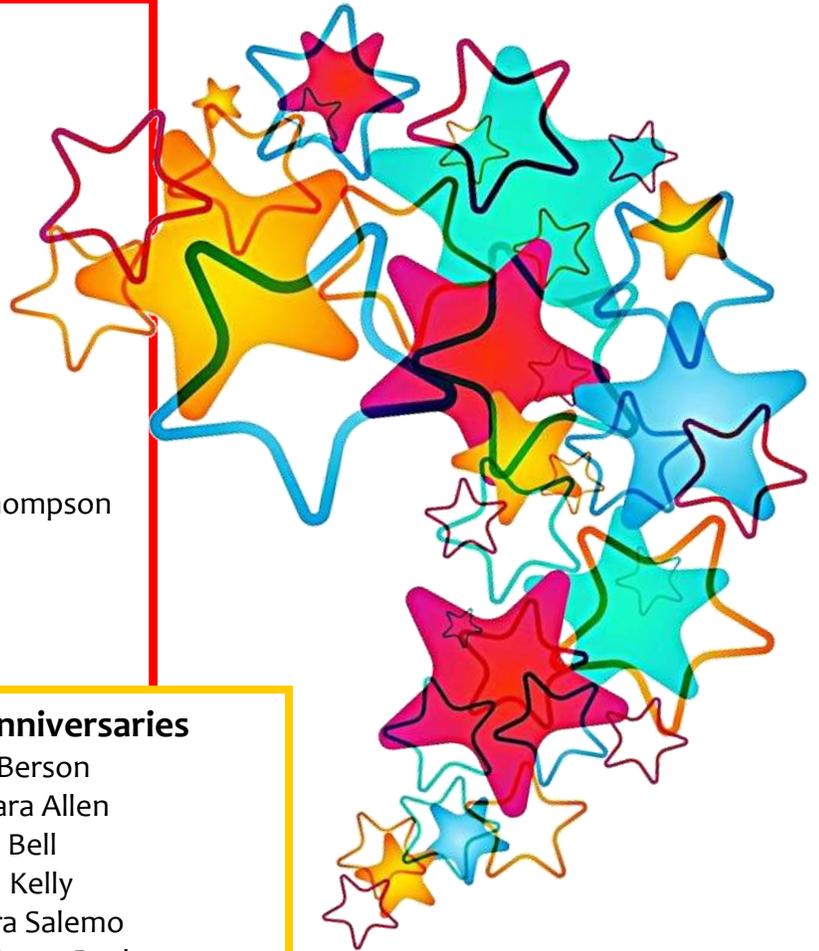
From September 25-28, Rev. Henry will be attending the Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference in St. Pete's Beach, Florida. This annual conference offers excellent plenary speakers, informative workshop leaders, provocative worship experiences, and incredible networking opportunities for all who are passionate about stewardship and generosity. Drawing leaders from across the Presbyterian Church USA and beyond, Stewardship Kaleidoscope is designed to help participants explore stewardship, in its many colorful dimensions!

September Birthdays

- 2 Connor Flynn, Ross Traphagen
- 3 Nora Klippstein, Willem Terblanche
- 4 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 Pusztai
- 14 Michael Brown, Fred Darcy
- 19 Grant Bruno, David Thompson, Rebecca Thompson
- 20 Gwili Marsh
- 22 Ken Westlin
- 23 Bill Mansfield, Kayla Morello
- 24 Nathaniel Stevens
- 25 Kim Darcy
- 26 Shelley Brankner
- 27 Jim Dornbusch
- 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



Ushering Schedule

- September 3 Pusztai Family
- September 10 Jim and Linda Pustai, Bob Tombs,
Jennifer Thompson
- September 17 Melissa and Joe Bieksha,
Ginny Brooks, Dennis Kotopoulos
- September 24 Krushinski Family

Counting Schedule

- September 3 Cathy Nace, Dave Boyer
- September 10 Karen Kursar, Jack Sherrerd
- September 17 Lisa Miller, Bill Kreutel
- September 24 Liz Scannell, Mike Penyak