



# 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,

I'm writing to you from St. Pete's beach in Florida where for the last three days I have been participating in the Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference, organized by the PC(USA).

It has been a wonderful time of learning together with colleagues from across the denomination. I have enjoyed attending workshops I did not organize, participating in worship I did not prepare, listening to sermons I did not write and enjoying delicious food I did not have to cook. I have truly been fed body and soul. I am so grateful for your generosity which makes this time of continuing education possible to me.

This morning we opened our day with worship on the beach, sharing in communion with one another. Surrounded by the vastness of God's beautiful creation it was easy to delight and to imagine that one day indeed God will restore all things, that one day there will be room enough for everyone at the table, that one day the pain which we see on all sides now will be redeemed by God's love.

In the meantime, every time we gather at the table we get to practice for this new reality, to pray for restoration, to make room for all, to be strengthened at the table to walk alongside one another here and now in the midst of illness, struggle, uncertainty and to do so as people of hope. You do all of these things so well as a church family. I have witnessed it just in these last weeks as you have prepared meals and gathered at the side of hospital beds, as you have welcomed new faces to our church family and as we have worshipped and prayed together. Thank you.

This Sunday we will gather in the sanctuary on Center Street, and once again be reminded of the unspeakable grace which comes to us as a sheer gift. This Sunday we'll be charged to go and live out that grace beyond our four walls. This Sunday, God will be there as we gather. I hope you will be too.

See you in church!

Tracey

# Fall Kickoff Breakfast



Any time we get together to eat at CPC it is a feast and our kick off breakfast on September 10 was no exception! Add to the delicious food some fun bible trivia games for young and old and you have all the makings of a great morning. Thanks to all who brought food and to the Children's, Youth and Fellowship and Member Care teams for coordinating the event.

# Inspiring Worship



## “Reformed”

This fall marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the protestant reformation, a reformation that began with the 95 theses that Martin Luther first made public on October 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.



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. 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.

## Visit by Relief Bus Missionary Sunday, October 8

We will have special guests in worship on Sunday, October 8! Yazdi Bellihomji, Spiritual Director and Project Manager with the Relief Bus will be joining us. Accompanying Yaz are his wife, Edna, and their son Malachi.

Our congregation will also have the opportunity to support Yaz's ministry through a special offering during the worship service. As an urban missionary, financial support from churches is very important in sustaining Yaz and his family as he brings Jesus to the streets of NJ and NYC.

You may have already noticed a large bus in the parking lot this morning. Please come greet Yaz, Edna and Malachi during Fellowship Time and check out the Relief Bus outside the kitchen door.

**CHILDREN'S  
SUNDAY**  
*October 22*

Our preschoolers though  
5<sup>th</sup> graders will be  
leading us in worship.

A graphic for Children's Sunday. It features a colorful sun with a smiling face on the left. To the right of the sun, the words "CHILDREN'S SUNDAY" are written in large, multi-colored letters. Below that, "October 22" is written in a blue, cursive font. At the bottom, a white box contains the text: "Our preschoolers though 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be leading us in worship."

# Engaged Discipleship

**10:40 – 11:30 AM**

Sunday School

**Preschoolers** (3 and 4's) meet in the green room

**K-2** meet in the blue room

**Grades 3-5** meet in the coral spice room

**Middle School Class (grades 6-8)** meet in the downstairs classroom/Spice Rack curriculum

**High School Class** meet in the Wolverton Building/Groove Bible Study series

**Adults** (begins at 10:50) meet in the downstairs middle classroom

Tracey and Mary (Seminary intern) are leading the class through a study of John's Gospel. Everyone is invited to drop in as they are able.



The Children's Ministry is looking for **empty** cereal boxes for use in Sunday School. Donations may be placed in the wooden crate at the back of the Sanctuary.

## Women's Morning Bible Study

Tuesday mornings in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am  
Tracey is leading a 6 week study through the beginning Chapters of the Book of Acts, exploring the dynamic faith of the early church.

**Meet every Tuesday in October.**

## Women's Evening Bible Study

Our evening bible study meets in the Wolverton Building at 7:00 pm. Throughout the fall and winter months we are exploring the New Testament encounters between Jesus and six women and asking how we are called to develop and invest our gifts and talents to move church and society closer to the kingdom vision. Contact: Tracey at [tracey4cpc@gmail.com](mailto:tracey4cpc@gmail.com)

**Meet on October 4 & 18**

## Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

We meet at 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome to join us for conversation, food and prayer.

**Meet on October 7 & 21**

**BIBLE STUDIES**

# Engaged Discipleship

Aren't you happy God created a world with Octobers!? We the people of **Sunday Funday & CHAOS** are excited to ring in what is quite possibly the best month all year. Pumpkin Spice, apple pie, hay rides, candy – the list goes on!

Our SF & CHAOS Kick Off was off the HOOK! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders came prepared to get wet with water games! Clearly, we have some competitive kiddos in our church family. Check out the photos!

Our CHAOS Crew explored downtown with our leaders during a Photo Scavenger Hunt! With tasks like “take a selfie with someone in college sweatshirt”, “take a photo standing under a tree like a tree”, and “a selfie of a selfie”, you can bet the evidence is pretty hilarious! Some photos are enclosed for your enjoyment! ☺ You're welcome.

October will be jam-packed with lots of fun times – we can't wait for our “Old School” & “Harry Potter” Nights! Bring a friend, come prepared to have a blast! We can't wait to see you!

Coming up:

- 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 – “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday!” – Corn Maze Trip
- 11/5 – Outdoor Movie Night (Details coming soon!)
- 11/19 – Service Night
- 12/3 – TBA
- 12/17 – Christmas Party

\*CHAOS & Sunday Funday meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (keep an eye out for “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday”, coming to you select months of the year)!

We're already off to a fun start & 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](mailto:maggie4cpc@gmail.com)

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# Nurturing Relationships

## Meeting Night @ CPC!

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

**Fellowship and Member Care**

**Mission**

**Operations** (Incorporating Finance, Property and Personnel)

**Welcome and Growth**

**Worship**

Our first Meeting Night at CPC on September 5 was a great success! Fellowship Hall was buzzing with the noise of friends catching up after a busy summer. We sang and we prayed and then we went to work in our individual teams. For highlights from each ministry team check out the session round up! We are excited about all the new gifts this fall holds! If you want to be part of the action give Tracey a call or email to chat about how to get involved!

## Deacon Update

**Deacon of the month/David Henry**

As the summer came to an end and students returned to school so too the deacons returned to regular times of meeting together. We welcomed four new deacons to our ranks, Jason Krushinski, Barbara Allen, Rick Hyman and David Henry. Not wanting to let them ease into their transition, two were put right to work, Jason as the new Secretary and Rick as the Nominating Representative. In addition to serving on the deacon board each Deacon is also committed to serving on a ministry team in order to better fulfill our calling to serve.

Plans for the fall include a new prayer initiative for the deacons suggested by Pastor Tracey, that the Deacons set about the task of praying through the directory with the hope of praying for each and every member of our congregation as we meet during the year. Deacons also discussed initiating Neighborhood gatherings for fellowship with the hope of building closer ties to each other within our church family.

Keep your eyes open for deacon postcards that will shortly be arriving at your home. This will introduce you and your family to your assigned deacon. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with your deacon as needs arise for prayer or assistance or if you become aware of needs of others in the community. You are always close in our prayers.

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.

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

**Reminder:** 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.



**How to have an awesome time at Trunk or Treat**

**October 31 in CPC's Parking Lot**

Step 1 – Bring your decorated car to CPC

Step 2 – Open your trunk & hand out candy!

We are inviting the local community to come by between 4 & 7 pm.

Dr. D will be providing the entertainment and we'll have free hot dogs & drinks too!

**Don't miss it!**

# Transforming Mission



## Church-wide day of service in the local community Saturday, October 21

Our goal is to have every CPC member participate in a service project. We will be serving at:

- Flemington Food Pantry - Organizing, cleaning and miscellaneous projects.
- Market Street Mission - Working in the thrift shop.
- Good News Home – Yard work, general fall clean up.
- Friendship Center for New Beginnings – Yard work, painting and maintenance work.
- Family Projects at CPC - Projects appropriate for families with young children.
- Community Project in Downtown Clinton - Sprucing up downtown Clinton.
- SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Project) – Prepare casseroles at CPC

We will meet at CPC at 9:30 AM and return at approximately 2:00 PM. Questions or to reserve your service opportunity - please contact Sandie Lundeen @ [slundeen@comcast.net](mailto:slundeen@comcast.net), any member of the CPC Mission Ministry or Rev. Henry.

***Thank you for serving!!!! We are looking forward to doing God's work in the community.***

## FAMILY PROMISE & New Opportunities for CPC

Family Promise is the only homeless shelter for children and their families in Hunterdon County.

Family Promise and Interfaith Hospitality Network of Hunterdon is a nonprofit agency established in 1990. Their mission: to provide a temporary home for those people of Hunterdon County living without one and to help them get a new start.

Today this shelter consists of an interdenominational network of 14 host and 31 support congregations and over 1,000 volunteers who provide shelter, meals, security, companionship and respect for homeless families and individuals.

We have the opportunity to be an active part of this faith based community and make lasting changes in lives as we help our neighbors in need.

In **2018** we have agreed to act as a host church for the weeks of **February 25 - March 4** and **September 2 - September 9** (includes Labor Day).

What does that mean? That means we will have homeless families coming to CPC at the end of each day, arriving for dinner and the evening and overnight. They will get up the next morning and go to the day center in Flemington, some will go to school and some will go to jobs.

How can you help? Right now we need 2 volunteer coordinators to oversee all the details of our hosting weeks. Beyond that we will need volunteers like you to help care for families who come to our shelter here at CPC. You can cook a dinner, spend a night, read a book to a child, provide transportation. The opportunities are many.

Some of you will remember that CPC was a host church from 1990 to 2000, and here we are again ready to step up and help our neighbors.

**Let's all get involved!**

# Faithful Stewardship

## Session Round-Up

Tracey introduced Mary Morrow, who shared with the Session her journey thus far. We are happy to help her in anyway, as she continues this journey with us at CPC. Mary opened our with prayer.

## Discipleship (Children's and Youth)

Christian Education got off to a great start. On Sunday, September 10, the Fellowship Hall was filled with fun, food and laughter as we welcomed each other back from our summer happenings. The Children's and Youth Ministries joined together with the Fellowship/ Member Care Team to plan a great "Welcome Back" gathering.

The Children's Ministry Team is looking forward to using a rotational model for Sunday School.

The Youth Ministry Team held its first of the new year Sunday Funday with a great turnout for a Scavenger Hunt through town. They are beginning to plan for this year's Trunk or Treat event which will be held in the CPC Parking lot on October 31st.

## Fellowship/Member Care

A new sign up for Fellowship Time has begun. Each week the family that has signed up and a member of the Ministry Team will remind those responsible of the date and of what is to be done. The Team is planning a fun congregational event sometime in January or February.

## Finance

A report of the 2018 Budget was given with encouraging highlights. Weekly offerings are at 104% of the budget for 2017, Church Pledges are at 94% of the budget for 2017 and Church Loose is at 202% of the budget for 2017. Online giving continues to be a positive means of dedicated giving.

## Mission

CPC will be hosting Family Promise for two weeks this coming year. One will be the week of February 25 and the second week will be Labor Day week. Please see Sandi Lundeen if you are interested in being a volunteer coordinator for this mission. On October 8th the Relief Bus will be here. A motion was made and passed to take a special offering for Yaz on that Sunday.

## Operations

The Team held its first meeting and reorganized by presenting a Charge List as a foundation of their mission. 2017 Capital Budget and Maintenance Budget which includes Church, Manse and Handyman Budget were discussed along with a review and process of the 2018 Budget.

## Welcome and Growth

An evaluation of what CPC has been doing both inside and outside of our church is being discussed. The groundwork is set and we are ready to begin.



## Do your Christmas Shopping Early!

On November 19, the Deacons will be hosting the third annual Fair Trade and Alternative Gift Bazaar in Fellowship Hall after worship. It's a great opportunity to pick up low cost gifts and support non-profit organizations. Come and sample some of the tasty treats we'll have prepared for you and get a welcome head start on your holiday shopping.

More information to come in the next few weeks.



# Coming Up in November

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

donate to a family in need

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 would like to ask for your involvement as we seek to share Christ's love.

### **There are three ways in which you can help:**

Purchase non-perishable items -You are invited to purchase the items on the shopping list and to return them to Fellowship Hall between October 22 & November 5.

### **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 1. Mail checks to the church office or drop them in the offering plate, clearly marked "Thanksgiving Baskets".

### **Basket Delivery November 18**

Delivering the 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 908-730-6958 or [sllundeen@comcast.net](mailto:sllundeen@comcast.net)

*Please help us to make this an all-church effort this year!*

### **Shopping List**

Canned Sweet Whole Kernel Corn  
Canned French Style Green Beans  
Canned Sweet Potatoes  
Canned Jellied Cranberry Sauce  
Jar of Applesauce/no unsweetened  
Jelly/jam  
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  
Pasta Sauce  
Box of Cereal

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## **Our Boy Scout Troop 121    September Theme: Preparing for the Zombie Apocalypse**

The weekly Troop meetings are planned around the monthly theme. September's meetings included orienteering, first aid skills and shelter building. The Troop went backpacking in the Catskills the weekend of September 15-16.

The Troop and Scout Band also participated in the John Basilone Parade in Raritan Borough on September 24.

The Troop's biggest fundraiser, Popcorn Sales, will continue until October 15. A portion of the sales proceeds go directly to the Troop to help offset activity costs.

If you have any questions about our Troop, please contact Linda Schipmann-Pustai @ [lindaschipmann@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaschipmann@hotmail.com) or (908) 285-1190 or Rick Hyman @ [RHyman@embarqmail.com](mailto:RHyman@embarqmail.com) or (908) 713-0031.

## October Birthdays

- 2 Alicia Farley
- 5 Arleen Buchanan, Adrienne Hodulik
- 9 Robin Meyh
- 10 Kimberly Westlin
- 15 Cole Salemo
- 17 Chenge Pusztai
- 19 Renee Brown
- 21 Kimberly Bieksha, Wyatt Kunzman
- 23 Liz Scannell, Nicholas Warner
- 24 Judy Moller, Griffin Westlin
- 26 Mary Ellen Anthony, Griffin Honthy
- 28 Nathan Henry, Dave Kelly, Dorene Longell
- 30 Sandie Lundeen



## October Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff and Lynn Hazelette
- 3 Michael and Kimberly Darcy
- 7 Michael and Angela Penyak
- 13 Roy and Cindy Christopher
- 15 Dennis and Carol Kotopoulos
- 17 Clifford and Cathie Sayre
- 22 Kevin and Jennifer Thompson
- 24 Tim and Nell McCarthy
- 25 Jim Dornbusch and Zan Struebing
- 29 Michael and Renee Brown