

# 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

Dear Friends,

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 David, baby Nathan and I packed up the last of our belongings in Sewickley, PA, gave our condo one last glance and hit the road, destination: Clinton, New Jersey. Five years later our family has expanded quite a bit. Not only with our beloved sons Parker and Davis, but also with each of you.

This week, our family has expanded even more as we have welcomed Family Promise guests to our church home. I had the opportunity to meet with the Sunday School kids to talk about the ministry of Family Promise on Sunday. First we made a list of all the things we need to make a home and then we compared that list to all things we had at church. As it turns out we had just what we needed – including a family with a whole lot of love! Our kids are always teaching me with their tender and generous hearts. Their welcome bags and signs said “Welcome Home!” and “Our home is your home” They brought tears to my eyes. They get it. This is what it means to be the family of God. We shelter and we love and we care and all of this we do because God first loved us.

You get it too. You rarely say no to a new ministry opportunity. You are eager to engage with our community. You are faithful with the gifts entrusted to us. You extend a broad welcome. You love each other well. You love because God first loved us.

So thank you for these last five years. Thank you for your patience with me. Thank you for your trust in me. Thank you for your prayers for me. Thank you for your partnership with me for the sake of the Kingdom. It is a privilege to call you family.

And, as ever – See you in church!

Tracey

# Inspiring Worship

## Upcoming in Worship

**March 4**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 11**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 18**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 25**

**Palm Sunday**  
Children's Chorus will  
lead us in song

## HOLY WEEK



March 25

***Palm Sunday***

9:30 AM



March 29

***Maundy Thursday***

Dinner and Worship

6:00 PM



March 30

***Good Friday***

Tenebrae Service

7:00 PM



April 1

***Easter Sunday***

Celebrate with us at 9:30 AM



On Sunday, March 4, we will welcome Ellie Johns-Kelley to CPC. Rev. Johns-Kelley will preach during worship and afterwards lead a workshop for adults entitled "Nurturing a Culture of Generosity".

The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley serves as the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation covering the Northeast Region. She works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees.

"Building on relationships and resourcing churches to help them increase funding for their ministry are my top priorities," said Ellie. "I want to help others realize the vast amount of resources available through the Foundation and work in collaboration with other agencies of the PC(USA)."

Prior to joining the Foundation, Ellie served nearly four years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Warren, Pennsylvania. She also served as Director of the Summer Youth Institute and Assistant Director of Admissions at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A member of the Presbytery of Lake Erie, Ellie most recently served as co-moderator of the presbytery's Administrative Committee and was a member of the Trustees. Previous service to the larger church includes the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission, Regional Resource Person for the Theological Education Fund in the Synod of the Trinity and the synod's Campus Ministry Task Force.

Ellie received a Bachelor of Science in biology at Muskingum College and a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She resides south of Pittsburgh in the town of Carmichaels with husband Dr. Eric Kelley and their young daughter.

## Attention Bell Ringers!

We will start Bell Choir rehearsals on Thursday, March 1 at 5:30 pm. No experience necessary. All ages welcome!

# Engaged Discipleship

## Lent Small Groups

57 "CPCers" are digging in to the Book of James this Lent. We're exploring the importance of putting our faith into action and being "quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger." What a challenge. If you are not part of a group, consider jumping in. Let Tracey know of your interest.



Small groups are for everyone and Lent is the perfect time to commit some extra time to growing in our faith.

Groups meet:

Sundays 10:40 am - two groups each week  
(no meeting March 4)

Mondays 10:00 AM in Wolverton

Mondays 7:30 PM at the Manse

Tuesdays 7:00 PM in Wolverton

Wednesdays 7:30 PM at the Hyman's

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The kids enjoyed Valentine treats while they created butterfly valentines for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry clients. Through the story "Jesus Walks on Water" and a floating orange experiment, the kids learned the importance of keeping their eyes on Jesus - our support and life preserver who keeps us afloat even in stormy waters.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

# Engaged Discipleship

## Pre-K thru Grade 5

Our **K-5<sup>th</sup> graders** were introduced to the twelve disciples and learned that they can be special friends of Jesus too! They gathered around their own Sea of Galilee as “fishers of men” and talked about CPC’s awesome opportunities to invite friends to church (Sunday Funday, a bowling or game night, VBS...). Jesus walked on water and we realized how important it is to trust him to keep us afloat. Pastor Tracey familiarized us with Family Promise and our kids assisted with preparations to help our Family Promise friends feel welcome. Our kids also shared God’s love this past month through Valentine cards made for clients of the Open Cupboard Food Pantry (Jesus said, “Follow me,” and our kids did!).

Our **Pre-K** class had great fun learning about four of the miracles performed by Jesus. We learned that Jesus was a person of love and compassion and that we can trust in him to heal and protect us.

## Sunday School Schedule

### March 4

Sunday School in the Wolverton Building - Our high school students are hosting a special movie event. Please drop off and pick up your children at the Wolverton Building.

Expected time: 10:40 - 11:40.

### March 11

Regular classes & Children’s Chorus practice

### March 18

Regular classes & Children’s Chorus practice

### March 25

Palm Sunday

Children’s Chorus and palm procession during worship. Sunday School classes and Easter Egg Hunt to follow service.

### March 29

Maundy Thursday Dinner

Kids – come learn about communion and participate in a special activity.



Sunday school students learn that Jesus was a fisher of men.



Children learn about the disciples and following Jesus through a fun disciple obstacle course.



# Engaged Discipleship

Sunday School 10:40 – 11:40 am

**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 Conversations (Grades 9-12)** meet in Wolverton

**Adults** (begins at 10:50) No adult study-join a Lent small group. See page 3 for details.

## Adult Bible Studies

**Women's Morning Bible Study** Tuesday mornings in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am  
Contact Judy Moller at 908-735-8148 for more information.

**Women's Evening Bible Study and Men's Breakfast & Bible Study** participants are encouraged to join small groups for the season of Lent.

## March Challenge

With Lent underway, you hopefully have seen a bit more of our youth during worship. We are in the midst of our **March Challenge** which encourages our kids (2nd grade and up) to be active participants in our worship service. This challenge has two parts:

- 1). We are nudging our kids each week to worship in the pews for the entire service. As part of the challenge, they'll have weekly worship questions to answer and submit. Did we mention PRIZES at the end of the contest???? The questions are inserted in the weekly bulletin and the kids may turn in their completed pages at the back of the sanctuary after the service. Make sure you write your name on the paper so you get credit!
- 2). We are urging our kids to participate in the service on occasion – as greeters, ushers, candle lighters, liturgists. We hope this involvement assists in their spiritual growth and sparks in them the desire to serve God and our church... and to be lifelong faithful servants. To sign up your child to serve, please contact Jenny Kunzman at [jennykunzman@gmail.com](mailto:jennykunzman@gmail.com).



*We are hunting for eggs...  
now and later!*



**NOW:** Do you have **empty plastic Easter eggs** that you'd like to donate to Children's Ministry? Please leave them either in the back of the Sanctuary or in the Christian Ed office. Thanks!

**LATER:** Mark your calendar for **March 25<sup>th</sup>** when our kids are *really* hunting for eggs at the Easter Egg Hunt!

# Engaged Discipleship

March comes in like a LION! That's what they say. And youth events will be just as loud and awesome this month! But first, let's recap February. We had an awesome month, though it was short! We celebrated Youth Sunday at Super Bowl Sunday on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Our youth did an awesome job reminding us that God's on our team! After worship our kids braved Shop Rite and were able to purchase over \$560 of food and personal care items for the Flemington Area Food Pantry. Now THAT'S something worth cheering for!

We honored our forefathers with a fun and chill movie weekend in the Wolverton Weekend over the holiday. We had a good crew come out to enjoy pizza and popcorn (and chocolate, let's be real) and watch *Evan Almighty*. An all-star cast joins Steve Carrell on his journey of becoming a modern day Noah. God (played by Morgan Freeman, #praisehands) continuously appears to Carrell's character and tells him he's going to have to build an ark to save his family and people in his community. After push back, Carrell's character obeys and the movie makes for an entertaining evening! It also reminds us that obedience to God is one of the most important things – and He'll keep showing up to you in big ways until you get on His side! We can see that His way is the best way. Some of the reasons we love Him!

March will be a fun month for our youth! Sunday March 4 we have our regularly scheduled Sunday Funday and CHAOS times. It'll be great! Sunday March 18, we'll all gather for a combined evening for a St. Patrick's Day Party. Wear your green and come ready to have a great time! Bring your friends! Bring your enemies and make them friends! It's gonna be awesome! ☺

Join us for what's coming up!:

3/4 – Sunday Funday & CHAOS

3/18 – St. Patrick's Day Party; combined 5pm – 7pm

4/7 – **Feed our Starving Children (formerly Feed the Need)**

We're excited to serve once again with Feed the Need at Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick! We'll be turning hunger into hope by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world. We are set for the 11:30-1:30 time slot that day and would love for you to join us! Youngest age to help is 5 years old. Contact Maggie Bell @ [maggie4cpc@gmail.com](mailto:maggie4cpc@gmail.com) or Bill Berson @ [wberson@gmail.com](mailto:wberson@gmail.com) for details on how to sign up!

4/14 & 15 – **Youth Group Spring Retreat**

We're headed to Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark in the Poconos! Leaving Saturday morning and returning Sunday late afternoon. Watch social media and listen during church for more details coming soon!

4/29 – “5<sup>th</sup> Sunday” Event TBA

5/6 & 5/20 – Sunday Funday & CHAOS TBA

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

Sunday Funday {3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades} 5:30pm – 6:30pm

CHAOS {6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades} 7:00pm – 8:30pm

We're seriously having so much fun & 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)

Follow us on INSTAGRAM!! @chaosyouthministry

CHAOS



# Nurturing Relationships

## *Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner*

We enjoyed a celebratory night together to celebrate Mardi Gras.  
There was music! There was food!  
There was even dancing! **Yes dancing!**  
Thanks to the Fellowship and Member Care Team  
for hosting this event and also to  
our musicians and crafters who provided the entertainment.



## Preschool Registration 2018-2019

CPC Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 year. We are excited about this new opportunity to serve our community. All the details are on the website <http://clintonpresbyterian.net/pre-school/>. If you or someone you know is looking for the right school for little ones to grow and learn, this is the place to be!



# Nurturing Relationships

## From the Deacons - Lonnie Little

February wrapped up the “Giving Heart” tree created in support of the future launch of CPC’s preschool for 3 and 4-year olds. We’re so thankful for the congregation’s continued support as we help Adrienne Hodulik launch this wonderful Christian educational opportunity for our community.

Don't forget to visit the Table of Well Wishes located in Fellowship Hall each Sunday after the service. Our CPC members appreciate receiving cards of encouragement, support, congratulations, or sympathy. You are touching the lives of those around you with your caring thoughts and prayers. Additionally, don't forget that at any time you can visit the following link on CPC's website to view opportunities to provide a meal or a ride to those in need. If you have time to make a meal but are concerned you may not be in a position to deliver it, please reach out to a Deacon to see if we can close that gap for you.

<http://clintonpresbyterian.net/relationships/meals-and-rides/> As your Deacons, we are always looking for ways to come along side and help those around us. If you have a need or learn of a need please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the Deacons!

*Thank  
You*

Dear Members of Clinton Presbyterian Church,

*I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the delicious dinners each week, cards, prayers, phone calls, and transportation to doctors. I feel very blessed to have so many friends who care.*

*Thank you again! Doris Cramer*

# Transforming Mission



## ***Houston Mission Trip***

“There were challenges during the week for all of us, including achy muscles and lack of sleep. But as is so often the case, we got back more that we gave. We learned the various processes involved in the recovery effort. We participated in all phases of gutting, sanitizing and rebuilding. We discovered that many of Harvey’s victims thought that their troubles had been forgotten by the media and by others. We made friends among the other volunteers and the families we served and we cemented our relationships with church friends. We are grateful.

For our own blessings. For the support of this congregation. And for the opportunity to serve.”

Lynn Angell

# Transforming Mission

## 2018 June Student Mission Trip to Philadelphia

The 2018 CPC Student Mission Trip to Philadelphia will be from Sunday, June 17 through Friday, June 22. This week is always a great time of service, fellowship and fun! The total cost this year will be \$375/student (a reduction of \$100 can be achieved by fundraising). Financial aid is available if needed. A deposit of \$100 is due by April 2.

To register for the trip, please contact:  
Dave Kelly

(908) 391-6372 [DLSH27@comcast.net](mailto:DLSH27@comcast.net)

Jill Prakopcyk

(908) 310-4765 [jrcelibr8@embarqmail.com](mailto:jrcelibr8@embarqmail.com)



## Mission Volunteer Opportunities – The Relief Bus on Friday, March 2

Over the years, CPC has served with the Relief Bus. 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 on Friday evening, March 2 at Penn Station/Newark. Our next day to serve will be Friday, April 6.

Please contact Dave Kelly if you have any questions or you'd like to volunteer.

(908) 391-6372 or [DLSH27@comcast.net](mailto:DLSH27@comcast.net)

Thank you for supporting the Relief Bus!



**Take Out BBQ Dinner at CPC  
Friday, May 4 • 4:30 – 7:30 pm**

**All proceeds will benefit the  
Student Mission Trip to Philadelphia.**

# Faithful Stewardship



## One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, March 25

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Your generous gift to this special offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

## Order your Lilies & Tulips for Easter Morning!

**Cost - \$16.50 per plant    Deadline – March 25**

Please include payment with your order form; checks should be made payable to Clinton Presbyterian Church. Orders will not be submitted unless payment accompanies your order form.

**Please do not place your order in the offering plate. Orders/checks should be submitted to Diane in the church office.**



\_\_\_\_\_ Lily      \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip      Total payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

## March Birthdays

- 1 Shannon O'Reilly
- 2 Tristen Dornbusch, Patty Heffner,  
Fred Sifuentes
- 3 Courtney Morrisette
- 6 Christina Schlegel
- 7 Tom Hodulik
- 8 Colin Twigg
- 9 Abigail Thompson
- 10 Kara LaSpada, Jeri Twigg
- 11 Alexa McCarthy, Sharon Rosenberg
- 15 Dorothy Battaglia
- 16 Lauren Edelsberg
- 17 Jeremy Barnes
- 18 Elijah Sudol
- 21 Karen Heine
- 23 Kyle Lundeen
- 24 Abigail Jenkin
- 26 Alex Westlin
- 27 Kelby Heffner, Tina Little
- 28 Leslie Hyman
- 29 Janet Traphagen
- 31 Oliver Sudol

## March Anniversaries

- 11 Evelyn Lebron and James Jenkin
- 23 Rich and Debra Jackle, Bob and Lisa Miller  
Anthony and Lora Pelose



## Our Boy Scout Troop 121 February Theme: Game Design

The weekly Troop meetings are planned around the monthly theme. This month's meetings included inventing a game, playing board games and having a gaming tournament. The troop spent a Snow Adventure weekend at Wyndham Mountain where they skied, snowboarded, tubed, and ice-skated. A Gala was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a troop chartered by CPC. The troop participated in a District wide "Scouting for Food" service project and in worship at CPC on Scout Sunday.

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



## Sanctuary Flowers - \$40

Remember or honor someone, or mark a special occasion, by placing flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning. Orders forms are on the bulletin board across from the church office.



The deadline for the next issue (April) is Wednesday, March 21.