

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,

As you may know, back in 2013 CPC developed a 5 year strategic plan which has helped to guide our mission and ministry in these last years, as we strive to be "A Welcoming Congregation called to Share Christ's Love."

Now as we turn into the summer of 2018 it is time to write a new chapter together and I would love for each of you to be a part of it. Throughout the month of June, our Leadership team of Deacons and Elders will be holding a number of Congregational Conversations. We hope to hear from you about the holy and hopeful moments you have experienced at CPC and to learn about your dreams for our future together. Please consider making time on your calendar to be a part of these gatherings. Follow this link to find the time that is right for you.

<http://signup.com/login/entry/167025259264760045>

After we have had the opportunity to hear from many of you, your stories, hopes and dreams will be shared with an Ad Hoc Visioning Team who will begin to imagine some next steps in the God's call to us. This team will be composed of Elders, Deacons and Congregation Members. The Ad Hoc Team will share the results of their work with Session in late August and with the entire congregation as we enter into the fall season.

Please join me in being a part of this good and hopeful work. We have such great news to share about God's great big love!

See you in church,

Tracey

Be The Church Day



Be the Church Day was held on Saturday, May 5th

About 30 CPCers gathered to pray and then went out to serve around the community. We had groups serve at Market Street Mission, Flemington Food Pantry, Friendship Center for New Beginnings, the Anderson House, and the Hunterdon Care Center. We also had a group stay at CPC to help prepare the playground for preschool and the kids decorated pots for plants. The kids then delivered those planters to the Hunterdon Care Center.

Overall a fabulous day of putting our faith into action and helping the community!



Inspiring Worship

Upcoming in Worship

June 3

Communion Sunday
Think on These Things - Rev. Tracey Henry
Special Music: Jazz Ensemble and Praise Team

June 10

Teacher Appreciation & Senior Recognition Sunday
Mustard Seed Living - Rev. Tracey Henry
Special Music: Praise Team – Kevin Thompson

June 17

Father's Day
Hemmed In - Rev. Tracey Henry
Special Music: Glenn Allen and Meredith Hamilton

June 24

Rev. Tracey Henry
Special Music: Julia Morrissette

*this is
my
story*

On May 13 we heard from Deirdre Blaus about her faith journey and God's presence in her life in the midst of loss and doubt. On June 17 Andrew Kvarta will share his story during the worship service.

As we learn more about one another's stories our faith is strengthened and our relationships deepened. If you would be willing to share your story in worship, please let Rev. Henry know.



Flat Jesus is back!

*Pick him up in Church
on June 10 and journey
with him this summer.*



On Sunday, June 10, we will recognize our graduating seniors in worship and pray God's blessings on them as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.

Our seniors are:

Kim Bieksha, Heather Kelly, Donavyn Meyh Levente Pusztai, Cole Salemo, Alyssa Tombs and Griffin Westlin.

New Presbyterian Hymnal

CPC's Session has elected to purchase the Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, which was published in 2013. This wonderful new resource retained over half of the best-loved selections from the prior blue hymnal (1990), while adding in a wide range of Taizé, global, traditional, and new contemporary selections.

Congregation members and friends are asked to consider sponsoring one or more hymnals. For a donation of \$20, a dedication nameplate will be affixed inside the cover of a hymnal. Honor a loved one or celebrate a child through this special musical addition to our congregation!

The Sponsorship Form can be found on our website by clicking the link below. Forms are also available at the back of the Sanctuary.

<http://clintonpresbyterian.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Hymnal-Sponsorship-Form.pdf>

We hope to have the new hymnals in place by September, so please complete your sponsorship form by August 1. Forms are also available in the Sanctuary and in the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

Engaged Discipleship



Students learn about the Pentecost and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Reminder: Sunday school will resume in September

In the meantime...

Join us for **Vacation Bible Camp** right here at CPC!

July 9 – 13 from 5:30 pm – 8 pm

Sign up to attend or to volunteer:

<http://clintonpresbyterian.net/discipleship/vacation-bible-school/>

(See next page for more details).



HAPPY
SUMMER



Is there a better way to end our Sunday school year than with ice cream??? At our church picnic, the Children's Ministry team will dish out ice cream and lots of yummy toppings.

I SCREAM... YOU SCREAM...

a huge **"THANK YOU"** to our Sunday school teachers for their time and love given to our program and **"THANK YOU"** to our wonderful kids and families for making our Sundays so much fun!

Hey, Kids... **Welcome ashore!**

SAIL AWAY THIS SUMMER

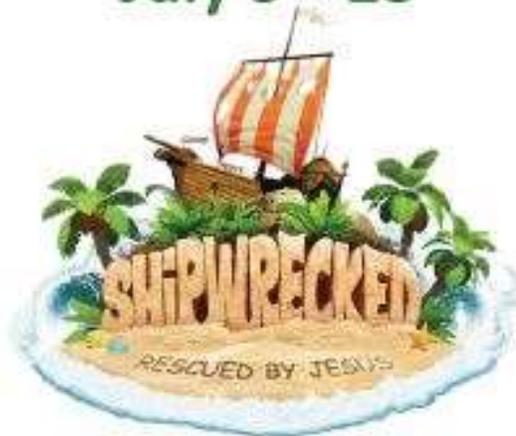
to Clinton Presbyterian Church!

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP
IS COMING**

July 9 - 13



For kids
age 4 to
grade 5



Dinner
provided!

Free... but donations are gladly welcomed at camp check-in
(for those wishing to make a donation, the suggested amount is \$15/child or \$25/family)

REGISTER

There will be amazing experiments, fun games, new friends and catchy music.

5:30pm – 8:00pm (dinner served)

- Sign up online or print registration form at <http://clintonpresbyterian.net/discipleship/vacation-bible-school/>
- Paper forms are available in the church office.

VOLUNTEER

**Come aboard. Being SHIPWRECKED will never be so fun!
Help us to anchor our kids in the truth
that Jesus carries them through life's storms.
With Jesus, we will survive and thrive!**

**Looking for a fun and meaningful way to spend a few evenings?
VBS needs YOU!**

Sign up for the week or even just a night or two ~ whatever you can do.
Students 6th grade and older also may volunteer (it's a fun way to earn service hours!).
It's a small commitment that makes a BIG difference!

**We still have some volunteer openings.
Will you consider...**

Registration Table?

Opening Skit Actor?

Kitchen Coordinator?

Kitchen Crew?

Crew Leader – Various Grades (lead small group of children to various stations and serve them dinner)?

Photographer?



For the list of all volunteer opportunities or to sign up to help, visit CPC's website or paste this link into your web browser: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/36dcb2> It's that easy!

Questions? Cathy Edelsberg (cathyedels@gmail.com) or Kim Darcy (mkfdar@aol.com)

Engaged Discipleship

We. Are. Ready. For. Summer!

No school, camp, hanging with our friends!

Our youth crew had a super fun May! Aside from the awesome games and the pure entertainment of being in the same space, we also had a chance to serve our neighbors at Be the Church Day with the congregation!

May wrapped up our usual Sunday Funday and CHAOS schedule with “Survivor Night”. Youth Leader Maggie channeled TV host Jeff Probst to bring fun games and relay races to CPC! It was the boys vs. the girls and by JUST TWO POINTS, the boys emerged victorious and earned the title of Sole Survivors. Who knows what crazy theme nights will show up next year!?

Sunday Funday and CHAOS had a great year and we are thankful for the friendships that have been fostered, the memories that have been made, and the chance to be involved in ministry together! Looking forward to what the 2018-2019 school year brings!

Though our regular routine will take a break for Summer fun, keep an eye and ear out for all that is happening over the warm months!

We'll see you 'round the church! ☺

Join us for what's coming up!:
6/10 – Senior Recognition during worship
6/28 – Somerset Patriots Baseball Game

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

Sunday Funday 3rd – 5th grades
5:30pm – 6:30pm
CHAOS 6th – 12th grades
7:00pm – 8:30pm

***(Please note that this schedule takes place September – May)

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

Follow us on INSTAGRAM!!
[@chaosyouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/chaosyouthministry)

On Tuesday, June 26, our rising 5th - 12th graders will participate in a “Mini Mission Day” with Pastor Tracey and Maggie! We will meet at the church and travel to Flemington to work on a project for Family Promise for the day! We will close with dinner and a fire at the Manse in the evening. The cost is free and kids should bring a packed lunch with them. We still have a couple spots, so please let us know as soon as possible if your young person would like to participate! It will be a fun day of fellowship and service with each other in our local community! Contact Maggie Bell at maggie4cpc@gmail.com

Nurturing Relationships



The church picnic has been rescheduled and will now be held on Sunday, June 3 immediately after worship.

Join friends in the parking area and enjoy yummy food, fun lawn games, and good old-fashioned conversation.

Come on out and join in the fun!

Please bring either chips or a side dish to share. Burgers, dogs and dessert will be provided by the Children, Fellowship, and Youth Ministry Teams.

NEW! Pre-church Lemonade on the Lawn

Come join us at 9:00 am starting on June 3, in front of the church to enjoy some fellowship before church even starts!

Don't worry, there will still be snacks after church too.

If you'd like to sign up to volunteer to host a Sunday, please email Jessica Bruno at jessicaqbruno@gmail.com



Second Sunday Dine Around

Beginning on July 8, the Fellowship and Member Care Team will be hosting a **Second Sunday Dine Around** on every second Sunday of the month. On those Sundays, we will meet in Fellowship Hall after church or Sunday School (depending on the month) and pick a few different restaurants to go to. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to meet/get to know new people.

No need to sign up, just show up when you can and we'll decide on the spot how we will split up.

Questions? Contact Jessica Bruno at jessicaqbruno@gmail.com

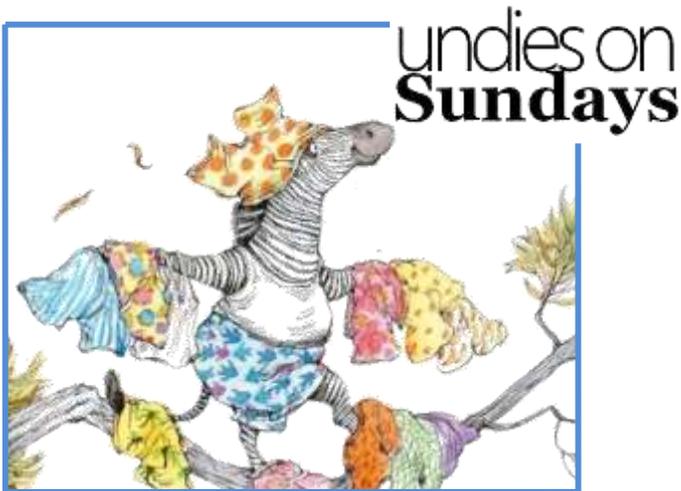


Transforming Mission

Mission Volunteer Opportunities: The Relief Bus on Friday, June 1 & 29

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, June 1 and 29 at Penn Station/Newark.

Please contact Dave Kelly if you have any questions or you'd like to volunteer.
(908) 391-6372 or DLSH27@comcast.net



June is Undies on Sundays Month!

Please bring new children's undies to CPC in sizes 2T – 10 every Sunday in June.

We hope to fill baskets which will be located in the back of the Sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall. The undies will be given to The Friendship Center for New Beginnings in Flemington.

Questions? Contact Sandie Lundeen at sllundeen@comcast.net

Collecting School Supplies for Local Children in Need

The Mission Ministry Team is collecting school supplies for local children in need during the month of July.

Items Needed:

Back Packs
Ring Binders
Composition Paper
Construction Paper
Erasers
Glue Sticks
Markers
Notebooks
Pencils
Pencil Sharpeners
Pens
Rulers



Donation baskets are located in Fellowship Hall & the Sanctuary. Any questions, please contact Robin Meyh at rmeyh@aol.com

CPC to Host Family Promise in September

CPC will be acting as a host church from Sunday, September 2 through Sunday, September 9.

As you know Family Promise is the only homeless shelter in Hunterdon County and we are honored to partner with them in their important work of providing shelter and a path to self-sufficiency. For one week we will serve as home base for families, providing dinner, companionship and a place to rest. During the day families will leave CPC to go to jobs, school or the day care center in Flemington.

Let's make our church a place of true sanctuary this week. Make the time to volunteer – it will be a gift you give yourself. We are in the process of filling time slots now. An email will be going out shortly.

Contact coordinators with any questions:

Robin Meyh rmeyh@aol.com

Stephanie Ramos-Dominko

sramosdominko@gmail.com

Rick Hyman rhyman@embarqmail.com

Faithful Stewardship

Session Round-Up/May

Children's

Planning continues for Vacation Bible School in July. Volunteers are still needed for a few positions. Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this fun week. See Kim Darcy, Cathy Edelsberg, Jenny Kunzman or any member of the Children's Ministry Team with questions or to sign up.

Fellowship and Member Care

The team is looking into purchasing new coffee carafes. The 9 o'clock *Lemonade on the Lawn* will begin on June 3. A sign up clipboard will be available to sign up for your favorite Sunday. Second Sunday Dine Around will start on July 8. A New Member/Visitation Brochure is in process.

Mission

June 1 and June 29 are the next Relief Bus opportunities. See Dave Kelly or Sandie Lundeen to sign on. The team is looking into what other organizations are fund raising and how we can participate.

Nominating

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20, to receive and ordain new elders and deacons. The slates for both boards are filled.

Operations

Personnel: The Employee Manual has been updated. The employee performance review process will be more consistent with updated forms and a consistent process. Paul Morrisette will send a draft via email to the elders and a vote will be taken of the proposed employee evaluation process at the July meeting.

Finance: There is a positive upward trend happening at CPC. The team responded with many prayers of thanks for the generous gifts.

Property: The team has been looking into remodeling the office with new carpeting and paint being a priority. Diane O'Connor has submitted a diagram of the office area making the space more welcoming and user friendly.

Preschool

Preparations to the classrooms and playground continue. Parents are inquiring about the program via email and Facebook and are visiting the classrooms. We await information from the State and should be hearing from them soon. Don't forget to share us on Facebook!

Session

The Session approved the following: The use of the Sanctuary by the Raritan River Music Festival Concert on Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 pm, the Congregational Meeting followed by the All-Church Picnic on Sunday, May 20 and Senior Recognition Sunday on June 10.

Welcome and Growth

The team, under the leadership of Ross Traphagen, has been working on advertising for our church and the Preschool. Facebook advertising is up and drawing a lot of "Shares" and "Likes". The team is looking into designing and purchasing church T-Shirts and magnets. There is a need for signage, both in and outside of the church, directing people where rooms and offices are located.

Worship

The Session voted to approve the purchase of new hymnals. The cost is \$20.00/hymnal. We are hoping to begin singing from them in September.

Youth

Blanket Making will take place on Tuesday, May 29 at Jes Bruno's home. The team is also exploring ideas for "Mini Missions".

Faithful Stewardship

Per Capita for 2018

The 2018 Per Capita apportionment for each member of CPC is \$38.50. This is the amount that we remit to the Presbytery of Elizabeth each year. There will be white envelopes in the pews for your use on Sunday, June 3.

You may satisfy your family's per capita contribution by:

Writing a check and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the Church office (Note "Per Capita" in the memo line),

OR

Giving through our online donation site and writing "Per Capita" in the Notes box at the bottom of the page.

Thanks for helping us reach our goal in 2018!

PCUSA General Assembly June 16-23

Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 170 PC(USA) presbyteries, and other delegates and observers from around the world, will converge on the America's Convention Center in downtown St. Louis for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

[The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy](#) will serve as host to the 223rd General Assembly (2018), united under the theme "Renewing the Vision: Kingdom Building for the 21st Century," from Matthew 6:25-33, and will include rich worship services, the election of the Moderator and Vice Moderator or Co-Moderators, action on a plethora of overtures, and much more. General proceedings and worship during assembly will be live-streamed. For more information, check out the website for General Assembly: www.ga-pcusa.org Please keep this gathering in your prayers.



Our Boy Scout Troop 121 May Theme: Weird Food

The weekly Troop meetings are planned around the monthly theme. This month's meetings included a "Chopped" challenge, k-p duty and tasting unusual food, such as Rambutan, a fruit native to southeast Asia.

On May 12, the Troop held a Court of Honor to celebrate Ben Barno's attainment of the Eagle rank.

An outdoor rock climbing camping trip scheduled for the weekend of May 18-20 had to be cancelled due to weather conditions.

Members of the Troop participated in our "Be the Church" day and helped clean up the church property.

The Troop replaced the flags on the graves of veterans in the cemetery near the library in honor of Memorial Day.

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

June Birthdays

- 1 Colin Bruno
- 2 Helen Ballantine
- 6 Kyle Longell
- 7 Megan Kvarata, Ava Sudol
- 8 Bill Berson
- 10 Derek, Justin & Trevor Annese, Cindy Boyer
- 11 Michael Cuthill, Fernando Perez
- 12 Judy Beck, Cathy Edelsberg
- 14 Scott Jackle
- 16 Michael Penyak
- 20 Colleen Duerr
- 23 Judy Ader, Emily Edelsberg, Ryan Morello,
Paul Morrissette
- 24 Bill Barr, Greta Eichlin-Bell
- 25 Valerie Boyer, Lauren Morrissette
- 28 Betty Ann Dhein, Kyle Morello
- 30 Wendy Morrissette

July Birthdays

- 3 Amelia McCaffrey
- 4 Jens Duerr, Andrew Jackle
- 6 Laurel Kelly
- 11 Tara Nuzzo
- 12 Omar Ahmed, Nicholas Perez
- 14 Linda Schipmann-Pustai
- 16 Margaret Blaus, Elena Buchanan,
Jack Kvarata
- 21 Phoebe Roth
- 24 Lauren Salemo
- 26 Bill Anthony
- 27 Ruth Christie



June Anniversaries

- 5 John & Martha Roth
- 6 Bill & Eileen Mansfield
- 8 Link & Patty Heffner
- 12 David & Tracey Henry
- 16 Norman & Martha LaValette
- 18 Rick & Leslie Hyman, Rich & Jill Prakopcyk
- 25 Robert & Helen Ballantine
- 26 Fernando & Kim Perez
- 29 Bill & Mary Ellen Anthony,
Horace & Elena Buchanan

July Anniversaries

- 1 Rich and Kerry Maslanka
- 8 Jason & Rosemary Sudol
- 11 Jason and Brenda Krushinski
- 14 Mark and Sharon Holmsborg
- 26 Joseph and Gail LaSpada