

Clinton Presbyterian Church

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2018



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 know, in the spring of 2018, the Session of Clinton Presbyterian Church approved a visioning process which would allow our congregation to come together and craft the next chapter of our journey in faith.

Clinton Presbyterian is a strong and vibrant church family and our planning approach sought to clarify our core values, build on our strengths and identify areas of growth. Deacons and Elders facilitated Congregational Conversations with members and friends using the Appreciative Inquiry model. These conversations were encouraging and life giving as God's people shared their stories, hopes and dreams.

At the request of Session, a Vision Team was formed to interpret the information gathered through these conversations and to develop goals and initiatives for the next 3-5 years. The work of the Vision Team was extensive and prayerful, and Session received and enthusiastically endorsed their completed work, *Growing in God's Grace: Vision 2018*, on Tuesday, August 28.

We plan to share this work with all of you in worship and fellowship time throughout the month of September. On **September 9** we'll begin by joyfully reflecting on our congregational strengths and core values and then on **September 16**, we'll focus on strategic priorities which have been identified.

The work that lies ahead of us is exciting and it is work which requires commitment from each and every one of us. Make it a priority to be with us in worship as the fall begins. I invite you to prayerfully engage with our life together and to commit your energy, resources and love to our common calling as we move forward, always Growing in God's Grace.

See you in church –

Tracey

Inspiring Worship

Upcoming in Worship

This Fall, we'll be exploring the gospel of Matthew and reflecting together on God's grace which inspires our living.

Join us for worship each week each Sunday!

On **September 16**, we'll hear from the new Director of Family Promise, Angela Fields, and on **September 23**, Jessica Wright, Director of Volunteer Services and Andrea Szott, Community Engagement Officer from the Relief Bus will be with us in worship.

We look forward to welcoming these friends and learning more about our partnerships in ministry.



Blessing of the Backpacks



On Sunday, August 26, we prayed for our children, their teachers and all school staff as a new school year begins. Let's make it a great year and remember – God's got your back!

Choir Rehearsals

The Chancel Choir and Praise Team rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 6. The Praise Team rehearsal is from 6:30 – 7:30 pm and Chancel Choir from 7:30 - 8:45 pm. We encourage those on any level who like to sing, to just join us for music and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact me at gary4cpc@gmail.com.

Gary Ross, Music Director

Welcome, Melissa!

Student from Princeton Theological Seminary to serve at CPC starting on September 9.

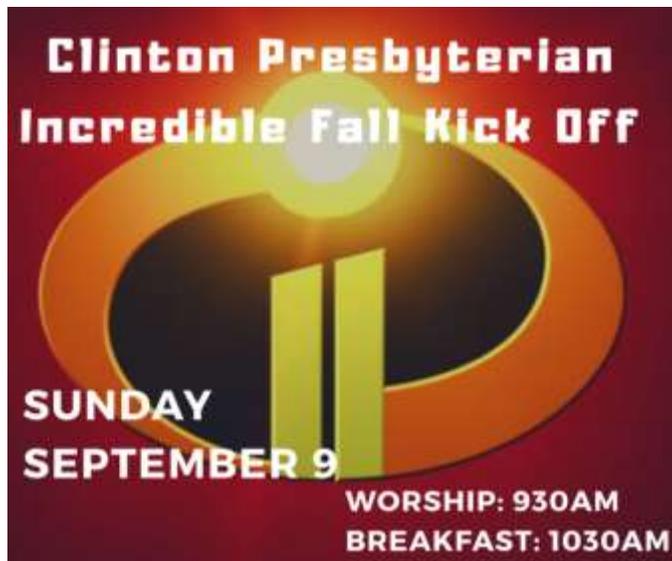


Melissa (Mel) Temple originally hails from Portland, Oregon but spent most of her growing up years in western Maryland. She completed her undergraduate degree at Indiana Wesleyan University, studying special education and psychology. She taught in rural Nebraska for several years before finding her way back to Oregon for graduate work in social justice and theology. She is currently a midler Mdiv student at Princeton Seminary, focusing her studies on practical theology. She is passionate about the intersections of theology and psychology and theological anthropology, with an emphasis on trauma care, spiritual formation, ecology, and disability ministry. When her nose is not buried in books, Mel loves to go hiking in the Cascade Mountains, sailing on the Chesapeake, and backpacking on any forest trail she can find. On any given day you might also find her roasting coffee beans, practicing yoga, playing in the garden, tinkering on the piano, baking bread, throwing themed dinner parties, writing poetry and children's stories, and spending time with her parents and five siblings. Mel is excited to jump into life at CPC and learn alongside this community as she explores her pastoral call.

Childcare Position Available

The Children's Ministry Team is looking for a polite, friendly person, at least 16 years of age, who is willing to provide childcare to our infants and young children on Sunday mornings for 2 to 3 hours. This is a paid position. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Judi Sifuentes for details at (908) 528-4653 or jeharney@hotmail.com.

Engaged Discipleship



*Our backpacks are blessed,
our rally day breakfast
is in the works!*



Sunday School resumes on September 16 • Classes run from 10:45 am – 11:30 am

Preschool and Elementary

Kids and teachers will continue to use the PC(USA) curriculum, Growing in Grace and Gratitude.

Kids: Meet your teachers each week in Fellowship Hall at 10:45 am.

Parents: Pick up your kids at classrooms at 11:30 am.

Pre-K (3 and 4's) downstairs Blue Room
Teachers: Joanne Berson, Megan Bauman

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade upstairs Blue Room
Teachers: Kim Darcy, Judi Sifuentes,
Cathy Edelsberg

3rd – 5th Grade upstairs Coral Spice Room
Teacher: Adrienne Hodulik

Looking for teachers! We are building our teaching teams and hope to add a few more adults to our rotation. We take turns planning lessons to allow greater flexibility with busy schedules. Do you have a Sunday here and there to spend with our kids? We promise... serving our little ones will put a smile on your face (and one on God's too!). If you are interested, please reach out to Adrienne Hodulik or anyone on the Children's Ministry team.

***We can't wait to see you!
Be a part of our fun each Sunday!***

Middle School downstairs Den

Teachers – Bob Tombs and Paul Morrisette

Learn more about the bible, ask big questions of faith, spend time with friends. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.

Confirmation Class Wolverton Building

Teachers: Maggie Bell and Leslie Hyman

Students in grades 9 and 10

Explore more about our journey of faith and consider what it means to be a member of the church. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am each week.

High school students who are not a part of the confirmation class this year, please contact Maggie Bell to learn of Sunday morning service opportunities.

Adult Sunday School upstairs (begins September 23)

We'll start the fall with Theoacademy's series **Being Presbyterian: Foundations of Presbyterian Discipleship**

To be Presbyterian is to join a way of life informed by a particular rhythm: *God calls us in grace and love; we respond in gratitude.* With a turn to scripture and theology we'll learn about this basic rhythm of our life together. Whether you have been a Presbyterian your whole life long or if you are new to the denomination, our time together will be enriching.

Engaged Discipleship



Wow Wow Wow, a new school year is upon us, friends! We hope the summer months have left you entertained and rested. But it's time to get this party started once more!

Our youth crew & church family have been having fun this summer, aaaand have also had the opportunity to serve our local friends. We love our community and the impact God allows us to have! We are excited to jump into another year to have more fun, serve more people, and become better friends in Christ and WITH Christ!

We are jumping right into the year with our Kick Off Super Sunday on September 9. That morning during worship, we'll introduce our Sunday school teachers and afterwards, we'll celebrate together with our annual breakfast. Games, fun, and fellowship are the three keys - so be sure to be there!

Regular classes, including Confirmation class start September 16.

Also September 9 - it's Sunday Funday & CHAOS Kick Off Night! We're gathering at the Berson's home in Clinton for some backyard fun. Lots of games, s'mores, grillin', and laughing will be had! Grades 3rd - 12th are welcome - bring your friends! Drop off at 5:00 pm...pick up at 7:30 pm! It's going to be a super time as we start off this new year. An email has been sent out with our Youth Events Fall Calendar - reach out with any questions or if you have not received it!

Testing out something new this year...**CHAOS & Sunday Funday** meet **EVERY Sunday** unless otherwise noted (due to holidays or special events).

Sunday Funday
3rd – 5th grades
5:30 – 6:30pm

CHAOS
6th – 12th grades
7:00 – 8:30pm

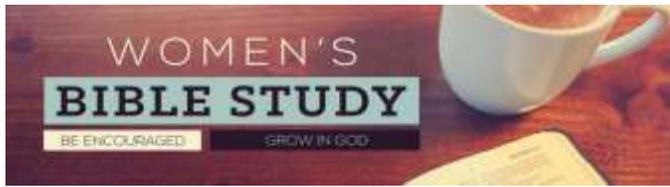
This schedule takes place September 2018 through May 2019.

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

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Engaged Discipleship



Tuesday Mornings @ 10:00 am in FH

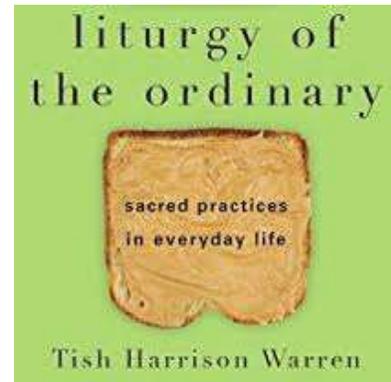
Beginning September 11, Tracey will lead us in a six week study through the chapters of the book of Acts, exploring the dynamic faith of the early church.



2nd and 4th Saturdays of the Month @ 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Get a jump start on your weekend and on Sunday's scriptures by joining us to feed your body and soul. No preparation necessary. Bring yourself and a bible, we'll take turns providing the breakfast goods.

Fall Meeting Dates:
September 22
October 13 and 27
November 10
December 8 and 22



Women's Evening Bible Study

"Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life - and place it before God as an offering." (Romans 12:1 The Message)

Every act of your day can be worship: from making your bed to losing your keys to sitting in traffic. **Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm** as we read through Tish Warren's *Liturgy of the Ordinary* together and explore the habits of our everyday, ordinary lives, noticing how God is at work in the midst of them.

Chapters are short and accessible so this is a perfect study to slot into busy schedules. We'll pair Warren's reflections with scripture as we meet together.

We'll gather on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights.

Fall Meeting dates:
September 25
October 9 and 23
November 13 and 27
December 11

You can purchase or download the book on Amazon or let Tracey know if you would like her to order a copy for you.

Nurturing Relationships

Deacon Update

We are praying for you! The Deacons, at our monthly meetings, are praying-our-way-through-the-membership-list. We are now on the letter "L".

We have two new Deacons; welcome to Cathy Edelsberg and Robin Meyh! When you have needs, we are all happy to help by providing meals, rides, prayer, visitation, etc. 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 – Letters Ba - Bi
Nancy Paul Letter S
Wendy Morrissette – Letter L
Robin Meyh – Letters I, J & K
Laurel Kelly – Letters D & E
Judy Beck – Letter P
Sharon Rosenberg – Letter C & H
Barbara Allen – Letters Q, R & T
Martha Roth – Letters F, G, V, & W
Cathy Edelsberg – Letters Bl - Bu

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.

Well Wishes Cards: Please remember to sign the well wishes cards that are on the table during Fellowship Time after church. It only takes a moment to write a note to someone to let them know that you will pray for them and are thinking about them during a happy or sad time. The Deacons have heard from recipients who are very appreciative, so please take the time. It could make someone's day!



CPC Night Out

Come join us at Beneduce Vineyards for a night out of fellowship, live music and fun!

When: Saturday, September 29

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Fee: \$10 cover charge

Questions: Contact Jessica Bruno

jessicaqbruno@gmail.com

Summer Supper at the Manse

We enjoyed a perfect weather night on August 8.
Thanks to everyone for coming!



Nurturing Relationships



Summer has been filled with busy days getting the Clinton Presbyterian Church Preschool ready to welcome the little ones on September 10. The classrooms are filled with books, music, puzzles, toys and many opportunities encouraging creativity and active play. Throughout the past few months, we have met wonderful families who love the classrooms and are excited to be a part of our program. There was no hesitation when the children entered the rooms. They moved from center to center, creating meals in the kitchen, highways in the block area and murals in the art area. They asked questions, told stories and shared what they liked about each center.

The rooms are freshly painted, floors are shining, centers are set for fun and learning opportunities. Adding to this warm and welcoming environment, are two beautiful murals. These murals have been artistically created by Brenda Krushinski. Thank you Brenda, for sharing your gift with us.



Adrienne Hodulik, Jeanne Steinberg

Before we open, we look forward to hosting a **Meet & Greet on August 31**, when parents and their preschoolers will observe the fruits of our labors. The children will participate in a mini schedule experience with their teachers and get a preview of what a day will be like at CPC Preschool.

Preschool Dedication

On August 26 we officially dedicated the all new CPC Preschool. Our congregation gathered to sing, to pray and to celebrate together. It was a wonderful culmination of months of work and an opportunity to give thanks for all the ways in which members and friends have invested in this vision.



Preschool startup costs were underwritten by funds from the Mary Louise Thornton bequest. Mary Louise was a lifelong resident of Clinton, a faithful member of this church and an educator who delighted in children. We are grateful for her generosity which enables us to continue to love and serve God's these precious ones. Her legacy lives on in this place – thanks be to God!

Transforming Mission

School Supplies - Thank You!

The School Supplies collection was a success! As a congregation, we were able to collect 17 backpacks and a table full of supplies. The school supplies were delivered to the Friendship Center for New Beginnings. They were very grateful for our donation and set up an area for families to come and pick out what they need. The Mission Team would like to thank everyone who donated to help this local organization.

Please check out the Missions bulletin board and future newsletters for more ways we can help them and other local organizations!



Mission Volunteer Opportunity: Relief Bus September 7 and October 5

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 in Newark on Friday evening, September 7 and October 5. Please contact Sandie Lundeen to volunteer or if you have any questions - slundeen@comcast.net

Thank you for supporting the Relief Bus!

Family Promise

Family Promise guests are back at CPC from September 2 – 9. Over the last couple of months, we have had a great response from the congregation in signing up for time slots, food shopping, and setup/clean up. We still have a few opportunities availability, the schedule and list of slots will be posted on the Mission bulletin board, outside of the Sanctuary. The schedule has been sent to those who have already signed up.

The grocery list was sent out on August 29 to all those who volunteered to purchase food. During the host week, there may be times when more groceries are needed. The coordinators will be contacting you if needed.

If you are interested in signing up for a time slot or to help in another way, please contact one of our coordinators: Robin Meyh (rmeyh@aol.com), Stephanie Ramos (sramosdominko@gmail.com) or Rick Hyman (rhyman@embarqmail.com).

We are all looking forward to our Family Promise week!

Family Promise Trivia Night

In addition to serving as a host church, there is another way you can help support Family Promise. There will be a fundraiser Trivia Night on Monday, September 17 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm We hope that you can make it!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/242106466558380/>

A poster for a Trivia Night event. The title "TRIVIA NIGHT" is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the text reads "to benefit Family Promise of Hatteras County, Inc. (serving homeless families)". The event is scheduled for "Monday, September 17th, 2018" from "6:00-9:00pm" (Questions start at 7pm). The location is "at Lone Eagle Brewing, 44 Stangl Road, Flemington, NJ". It notes "Light casual fare and a free Lone Eagle beer". The poster asks to "Bring a team and answer questions about music, entertainment, history, sports and special themed categories!". The registration fee is "\$40 per person". The registration link is "https://tinyurl.com/trivisept". For more information, it says "http://familypromisehc.org/events/trivia/". At the bottom, it says "Questions provided by Prover & All Right Team Trivia".

BE THE CHURCH.

We will be having our fall Be The Church Day on Saturday, October 13. Please keep an eye out for sign ups and additional information. We are looking forward to gathering as a congregation and serving at some local organizations!

Faithful Stewardship

Session Round-Up/June 2018

Children's Ministry

Planning continues for Vacation Bible School in July. Volunteers are still needed for a few positions.

Fellowship and Member Care

The new coffee carafes have arrived. Lemonade on the Lawn will take place each Sunday at 9:00 and after worship. Second Sunday Dine Around will start on July 8.

Mission

"Undies on Sundays" continues! Please consider donating. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall. The Mission Team is starting to plan for the next Be the Church Day, October 13.

Nominating

We welcomed new Elders and Deacons, who joined our boards at this month's meetings. Ordination and Installation will take place on Sunday, July 8.

Operations

Personnel: The final version of the Employee Manual has been completed. The team will begin initiating the new performance review process.

Finance: The financial report continues to be positive. Work has begun to complete repairs on the Fairview Property. The team has been looking into remodeling the office with new carpeting and paint being a priority.

Property: The team has been keeping a running task list for property items needing attention. The lighting upgrade in the church building is moving forward.

Preschool

Preparations to the classrooms and playground continue. Parents are inquiring about the program via email and Facebook and are visiting the classrooms.

Welcome and Growth

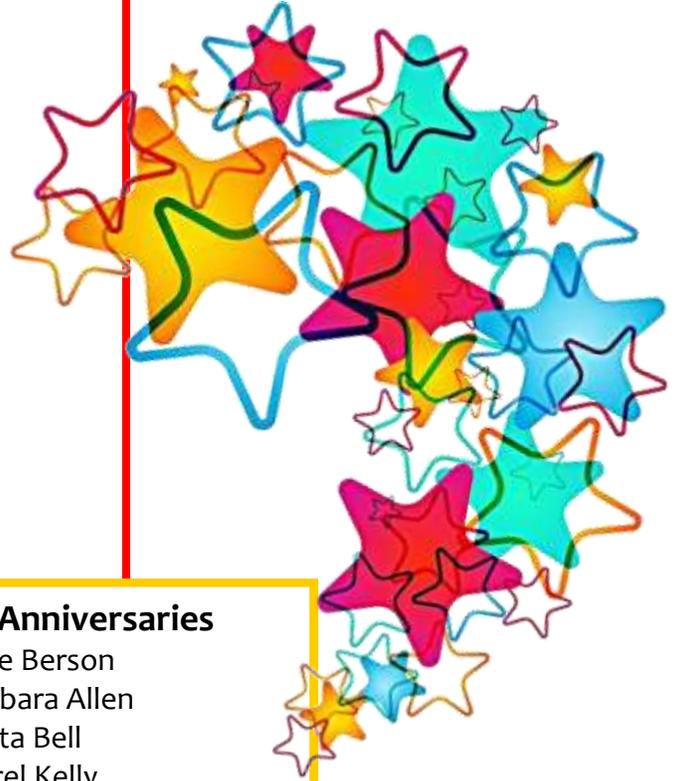
The team continues to work on advertising for our church and the preschool. They are looking into designing and purchasing church T-Shirts and magnets. There is a need for signage, both in and outside of the church, directing people where rooms and offices are located.

Youth Ministry - Maggie and Tracey attended the North and Voorhees graduations on June 12. The Middle School Youth Group, Maggie and Tracey will be participating in a "Youth Mission Day" at Family Promise in Flemington cleaning, organizing and repairing items in the storage trailer. A family evening at the ballpark is planned for Thursday, June 28 at Patriots Park in Bridgewater.



September Birthdays

- 2 Connor Flynn, Ross Traphagen
- 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, Barbara Plundeke,
David Thompson, Rebecca Thompson
- 20 Gwili Marsh
- 22 Ken Westlin
- 23 Bill Mansfield, Kayla Morello
- 24 Erik Duerr
- 25 Kim Darcy
- 26 Shelley Brankner
- 27 Jim Dornbusch
- 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
- 27 Bill and Jan Kreutel

