

Clinton Presbyterian Church

2014

Lent



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.

From the Pastor

Friends,

Henri Nouwen wrote that the season of Lent is one in which “winter and spring struggle with each other for dominance, helping us to cry out in a special way for God’s mercy.”

That struggle between the seasons has been especially fierce this year. Winter has put up one serious fight. Just when we would think we were in clear, old man winter would stop by for another visit. In its relentlessness, Winter has been a steady match for the season of Lent this year. As we have watched and waited for new life to break through all around us, so we have been longing for new life to break through within us as we focused on disciplines which might draw us closer to God. As new life arises from the clutches of winter, so we have had opportunity to be renewed in Christ.

Why not invite others to share in this new life we are experiencing at CPC by asking them to join you for worship? Easter is a perfect time to extend this invitation. What greater gift can you share with your friends and neighbors? Share the Good News of Resurrection Life!

See you in church -
Tracey



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Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Thanks to all who provided soup, bread and fruit for supper prior to our Ash Wednesday Service. It was good for us to begin the Lenten season around tables with one another.

Youth Sunday

A huge **Thank You** to our 6 - 12th graders who led us in worship on Youth Sunday, March 2. With these gifted young men and women as a part of our church family, the future is bright!



Biblical Buffet

We took a step back in time on Sunday, March 23, to enjoy foods from bible times! The menu was unique and we took some time to read scripture together to understand where these recipes originated.

Thanks to all our cooks for trying a new thing!

Colombia Mission Trip

On March 23rd we commissioned Lisa Lomauro to serve on behalf of this congregation with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship in Colombia for the month of April. Working as part of the Accompaniment Program, Lisa and a partner will come alongside church leaders as they address issues of injustice in their local area. You can read more about the program here:

<http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/colombia/accompaniment#.UzBAiyLD9IY>

The Mission Team designated \$648 to support Lisa in this calling and a Love Offering from the congregation totaled \$756.

Please pray daily for Lisa as she serves God's Kingdom in this way.



Confirmation Retreat

The confirmation class had its final retreat the weekend of the 15th of March. The students had 3 classes during the 22 hour retreat that looked at the Presbyterian Church's reformation roots and history allowing them perspective on being part of a church that is still reforming. The men's bible study got out early Saturday to make the students and leaders a pancake and bacon breakfast for which we were very thankful. We played team building games, watched movies and stayed up too late, but it wouldn't be a confirmation retreat if they didn't go home wiped out. Thank you to all the parents who let us have their children for the retreat and to the student leaders who gave their time to make it a success.

Inspiring

Worship

“Lent 2014 – Grounded in Grace”

During this season of Lent, a time to acknowledge our need for God, we have been reflecting on Jesus’ life as an example for our own. We continue with our learning as we move toward Holy Week and Easter.

April 6 – Sacraments (Communion Sunday)

April 13 – Palm Sunday - Community

April 20 – Easter Sunday Celebration



Adult Education during Lent

During the Sunday School hour, we’ll examine each of the practices explored in the sermon series at a deeper level. Join us as we consider how it is that we might implement these means of grace in our life of faith, not only through the season of Lent, but all year long. See page 8 for more details about a special project on Palm Sunday.

Lenten Intercessory Prayer

The deacons and elders are offering a time of intercessory prayer during the season of Lent. Each Sunday following the worship service between Ash Wednesday and Easter, we welcome you to join us in the sanctuary, in partnership with God, to lift up personal concerns. Together we will seek comfort, strength and direction from a compassionate God who is listening and waiting.

Lent Devotionals

A Lenten Daily Devotion booklet entitled *Living the Gospel Life: The Season of Lent*, is available in the Narthex and also by the entry door at the front of the sanctuary. If you would like to consider a daily devotion that will come to your computer each day of Lent, consider the following:

<http://www.crosswalk.com>, and <http://devotional.upperroom.org>.

Inspiring Worship

Holy Week & Easter Services

 <p>PALM SUNDAY</p>	 <p>M AUNDY T HURSDAY</p>	 <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	 <p>easter SUNDAY <i>Christ is Risen!</i></p>
<p>April 13 Worship Service 9:30 am</p>	<p>April 17 Worship Service 7:00 pm</p> <p>Join us as we remember the last meal which Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest and crucifixion. Our Chancel Choir will help lead us in worship.</p>	<p>April 18 Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm</p> <p>Gather in the darkened sanctuary at 7 pm for a service of worship and prayer. As the Scriptures are read and candles extinguished we will recall together Christ's Passion.</p>	<p>April 20 Sunrise Service 6:15 am Clinton United Methodist Church</p> <p>Easter Pancake Breakfast immediately following Sunrise Service in CPC's Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 am</p>



**Easter Lilies and Tulips
for
Easter Morning**

Order form on page 6.

The church office will be closed on Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21.

Engaged Discipleship

Christian Education News

***"If your gift is serving others, serve them well.
If you are a teacher, teach well."*** Romans 12:7

This spring season, our calendar is filled with so many wonderful happenings.

On Friday, March 21, we welcomed 32 minions to our first **Kids' Night Out**. (See pictures on next page.) Everyone had so much fun making minion hats, eating pizza and popcorn, playing games and watching *Despicable Me*. Thanks to the CE Team who planned food, fun and festivities. Thank you to Matt Hodulik for his audio and video assistance, to Lauren Edelsberg, Heather Kelly, Lauren Morrisette, Caroline Paul and Jessica Prakopcyk for their assistance in keeping all the minions happy!

Dates to look forward to and put on your calendar-

April 13 Palm Sunday - Egg Hunt at the Manse

April 20 Easter Sunday – No Sunday School Classes

May 11 Confirmation Sunday

May 18 (rain date June 1) - Last Day of Sunday School

We will celebrate the end of a fantastic year with a Spring Carnival at CPC right after worship. Anyone who has taken part in our education program is invited to join us by sponsoring a booth or activity such as face painting, ring toss, balloon darts, volleyball, hot dogs, cotton candy, whatever your specialty might be, we welcome your participation. Deacons, Elders, Parents, Teachers, Choir, Praise Band, Bells, Mission, Stewardship, Finance, Women's Bible Study, Takin' Him to the Streets, gather your friends, make a booth or plan an activity. More information will be coming. See Adrienne Hodulik or any CE Ministry Team member with ideas or questions.

CE Ministry: Kim Darcy, Cathy Edelsberg, Jenny Kunzman, Gwili Marsh, Judy Moller, Jill Prakopcyk, Gwili Marsh, Jeri Twigg

We hope you will come for fun, fellowship and celebration with all the people who make our church a living, learning place of worship. Then join the Property Team and "spruce up" our church building where we gather together to worship our wonderful Lord.



**Coming July 7-11 Weird Animals
CPC's evening VBS
Stay Tuned!**

Women's Morning & Evening Bible Studies

**Tuesday mornings
Fellowship Hall
9:30 to 11:30 am**

**Women's Evening Bible Study
will meet on the 2nd & 4th
Tuesday evenings at the
Manse at 7 pm.**

We are currently studying the Psalms, using Eugene Peterson's book, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, as a guide.

Contact Tracey for more details
tracey4cpc@gmail.com.

We'll meet on April 8 & 22

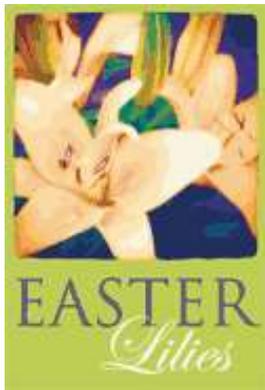


All men are welcome to join us as their schedules permit. We meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

**Upcoming dates:
April 5 & 19**

Contact David Henry
for more information:
dhenry169@gmail.com

Kid's Night OUT!



Order your Lilies & Tulips for Easter Morning!

Cost - \$14.00 per plant Deadline – April 16

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 _____

Nurturing Relationships

Thank You from the Henry Family

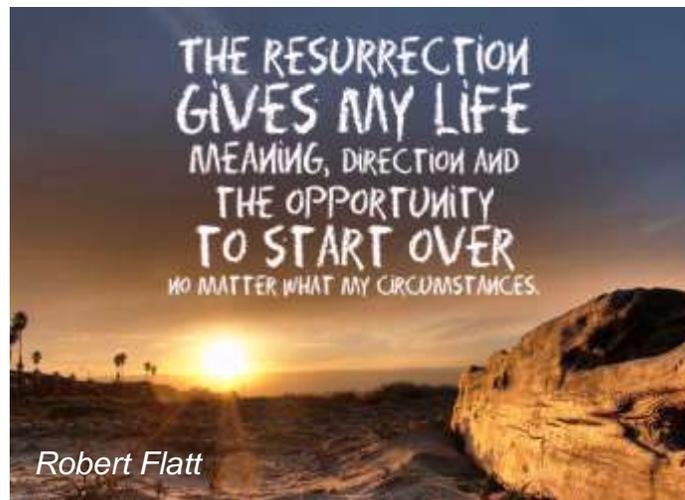
We are grateful beyond words for all the love and care with which you have surrounded us in these special days as we welcomed little Parker to our family. Your visits, cards, gifts and meals have been a concrete expression of God's love. Thank you for sharing in our joy. We are thankful to be a part of this church family.

Tracey, David, Thea, Nathan & Parker



Deacon Update

Spring is in the air. Soon leaves will be on the trees, flowers will bloom and umpires will be yelling play ball on the baseball diamond. Spring is a time for renewal and nothing is more important than our spiritual renewal. Easter is a time to renew as we find forgiveness at the cross and we find hope in the Empty Tomb.



Once again , special thanks to everyone who contributed gift cards last month. These cards will be used to provide a meal, groceries or gas for folks who have a need. The response from the congregation has been outstanding.

If you have any needs or prayer requests please make them known to any Deacon or call the church office if any assistance is needed.

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime." - Martin Luther

Deacon of the Month/April - Bob Tombs • The Deacons will gather again on April 10.

Nurturing Relationships

The Rummage Sale is Coming! The Rummage Sale is Coming!

Can you believe it's that time of year again?

You know that one person's trash is another person's treasure!

And we want your "treasures."

Please start collecting items from your closets, garages and attics.

You can deliver them beginning Tuesday, April 8 - Thursday, April 10 from 9 am until 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

We can't accept any furniture, large electronic or sporting good items.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the next few weeks – sign up if you are able to help set up, work the sale days, or clean up.



Sale Days:

Friday, April 11 and

Saturday, April 12

9:00 am to 12 noon

Your help is much needed and appreciated as we raise money for various important mission projects. Any questions contact Leslie Hyman (713-0331) or Jeri Twigg (735-4182).

Transforming Mission

Philadelphia



Reminder

As the calendar turns to April, the Philadelphia Student Mission Trip is getting closer and closer. The trip is filling up fast, so please return a \$100 deposit to Dave Kelly or Jill Prakopcyk as soon as possible to hold your spot.

We are looking forward to another great week in Philly starting on Sunday, June 15.

Palm Sunday Community Service



On Palm Sunday, April 13, we will be gathering in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship to prepare and cook meals for SHIP, a local organization that serves the homeless. We will also assemble bag lunches and hygiene kits for SHIP and the Relief Bus. The packing process will work just like the Thanksgiving Baskets – everyone will gather in Fellowship Hall and pack the lunches together. We are asking for your help with packing the food into the brown bags, cooking meals and donating the food and other necessary items for this project. Some grocery items that we are requesting include:

- Ziplock sandwich bags
- Plastic utensils (forks, spoons, knives)
- Individually wrapped snack size cookies
- Individually wrapped snack size chips
- Juice boxes
- Individually packaged wet wipes
- Travel-sized hygiene items (socks, shampoo, soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, wash clothes, etc).

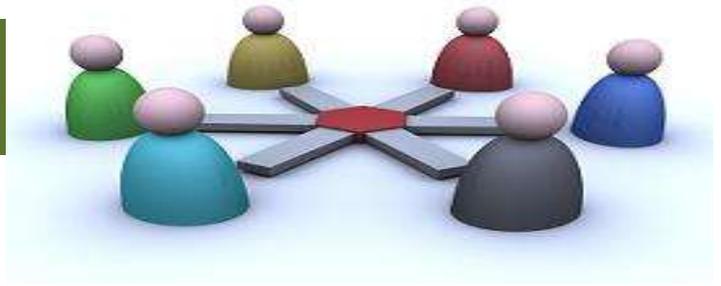
Please leave all donated items in the kitchen in Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, April 6.

We are also asking for monetary donations. Please make checks out to Clinton Presbyterian Church, including “Palm Sunday Mission Project” in the memo section.

Any questions, please contact Sandie Lundeen at 908.730.6958 or sllundeen@comcast.net.

Faithful Stewardship

Session Round-Up February/March
Rick Hyman



Christian Education

May 18 will be the last day of Sunday School. There will be a big celebration in the parking lot, following the service.

CE is working on a job description for the nursery position.

Finance

Steve Hovey announced there are renters for the mini-manse and we have been paid for the first month.

The group is still looking at an accessibility lift and is measuring to see if it can handle all kinds of situations.

Membership

Bill Barr had a list of members that Membership has looked at for moving off the rolls. Bill asked for any feedback on the list in general or the people on the list.

Mission

Dave Kelly announced a few fund raising activities to raise money for the June 12 teen mission trip to Philadelphia. One such fund raiser is May 9 for a BBQ at CPC.

Mission Huddles will be held at the omelet breakfast on March 30. These huddles will be to get congregation input on potential mission type activities.

Rick Hyman, Rev. Henry and Dave Kelly are looking at various places to hold a family mission trip this summer. Some ideas are a place in western North Carolina, West Virginia and going back to Maine.

Music Ministry Task Force

The job description for this part time position has been finalized and has been approved by session. Rich announced that the advertising would begin very soon.

Pastor

Tracey announced she would conduct staff appraisals on April 7 and 8.

She mentioned that there is a Nominating Committee vacancy and asked session to set a date for the congregation to vote on a new member.

Personnel

Rich announced that Personnel have completed the job descriptions for Cleaning Services, Church Musician, Administrative Assistant and Facilities Coordinator. He asked session to look at the job descriptions and we would have a vote on them at the April meeting.

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Our Boy Scout Troop 121 March's Theme: Gardening

The Troop helped with the March Work Day at CPC.

They went on a camping trip that included indoor rock climbing and they went to the Hunterdon Wellness Center to take the required swimming test for upcoming troop trips and summer camp.

If you have any questions please contact the Charter Organization Representative, Lisa Miller: RLMiller13@comcast.net or 908-730-8692



Missing a Toyota car key? Contact Diane in the church office

908.735.5029 or office4cpc@gmail.com

April Birthdays

- 1 Danielle Kotopoulos, Parker Warren, Lindsay Whitt
- 2 Debra Jackle
- 3 Julia Morrissette, Craig Spengeman, Erica Wirth
- 4 Robin Balick, Kenneth DeCicco, Beth Spencer
- 6 Melanie Kreutel
- 7 Brenda Krushinski, Peggy MacMillan, Patrick Sinko
- 8 Foster Barnes
- 9 Elizabeth Cocchiola, Julia Cocchiola, Jeff Hazelette
- 10 Tom Brankner, Steven Kotopoulos, Sara Twigg
- 12 Connor Berson, Steven Dhein
- 13 Tammy Warner
- 14 Devon Adamy
- 16 Rick Klippstein
- 17 Kathy Jacobsen
- 18 Hannah Merrill
- 19 Matthew Kursar
- 23 Debra Daley, Matthew Sowder
- 24 Steve Hovey
- 25 Liza Battaglia, Gregory Sargent
- 26 Jennifer Thompson
- 28 Rebecca DiPace, Olivia McCarthy
- 29 Silvia Grove
- 30 Makenzie Holmsborg, Andrew Westlin

April Anniversaries

- 3 Ken and Kimberly Westlin
- 24 Andrew and Cathy Edelsberg
- 28 Kenneth and Susan DeCicco
- 29 Pat and Noreen Sinko



Coming Up in May...

Afternoon Tea on Sunday, May 4

Join us from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for a relaxed, fun-filled afternoon punctuated by delicious sweet and savory treats.

Fancy "Tea Time" attire and "Pinkies Up", optional.



Take Out BBQ Dinner at CPC Friday, May 9 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Pulled Pork • Rolls • Macaroni Salad • Baked Beans • Dessert
All proceeds will benefit the Philadelphia Student Mission Trip.

Confirmation Sunday May 11



CPC Spring Spruce-Up Sunday, May 18 12 noon - 4 pm

All will be welcome to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship during Christian Ed's year-end celebration event immediately following worship. (See page 5 for more information.) If you are willing and able, bring your grungies, stick around, and continue the fun by assisting the Property Ministry in tackling some church home improvements.

Featured events are:

- Get Down and Dirty with Dirty Joe (clean-up behind church)
- Get Pretty with Amey (gardening)
- See More Clearly with Kevin (window cleaning)
- Fine Artwork with Paul (interior painting)



Please join us to celebrate the completion of another successful term of Christian Education while we beautify the church grounds.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted in April, so keep an eye out.

You may contact Amey Barnes at ameyt@comcast.net with any questions.

CPC to Host Presbytery Meeting Tuesday, May 27

