



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.



Dear Friends,

On the first Sunday of November, churches are given the opportunity to mark All Saints' Day. It is a time for us to remember and give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith, from those we have never met – the earliest apostles and those who became martyrs for the Christian faith down through the centuries – to those who have impacted our lives directly – including those who gathered to establish Clinton Presbyterian Church in 1831 and all those who have worshipped here over the years, who have modelled for us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We are surely “surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,” for these friends have laid a solid foundation for us.

We are called now to be good stewards of the gifts we have received, so that we might pass them along to the next generation. This includes taking good care of our property, teaching our children about Jesus and growing in faith ourselves. It also means being a family which is open and welcoming to new friends who are gathering to worship with us. Over these next couple of months, I want to encourage you to look around on Sunday mornings and make a point of reaching out to people you don't recognize, to welcome them warmly to this family. After all, they might well be the next saints of this church.

See you in church – Tracey

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Inspiring Worship



Being a part of the Chancel Choir has been one of my greatest joys. Over the past six years my heart and spirit have been lifted each week as we sing praises to our Lord.

Our search is on for some new members. With Advent approaching, wouldn't it be awesome to have twenty voices singing instead of the usual twelve? And...good news - no experience is necessary to join our wonderful choir family. If you have given even a passing thought to being a part of the choir, try coming to just two rehearsals. We practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:45-9:00. I guarantee that you'll thoroughly enjoy being a part of this dynamic group!

Sharon Rosenberg

Relief Bus Visit on October 19

On Sunday, October 19, Paul Ballesteros visited CPC and shared details of his ministry as an Outreach Team Leader with the Relief Bus. The congregation welcomed Paul and donated \$800 in support of his outreach to the poor and homeless in New York City and Newark.



Paul enjoyed his time with us and was very grateful for CPC's generous support – both prayerful and financial. Thank you for your support of the Relief Bus!

Hanging of the Greens

November 23 immediately following worship

With little time between Thanksgiving and beginning of Advent this year, we want to get an early start on decorating our church. Adults are asked to please join us immediately following worship on the 23rd to lend a hand. All decorating supplies will be ready to go in Fellowship Hall. Head over there, get your coffee and pick a project to help with.

Joint Thanksgiving Service

November 25 – 7:30 pm

Bethlehem Presbyterian Church

Our CPC family is invited to join together with our brothers and sisters from Frenchtown Presbyterian, Alexandria Presbyterian and Bethlehem Presbyterian Churches for a service of joyful thanksgiving.

Upcoming in Worship in November

- November 2 “A Happy Hope”
Communion Sunday
Baptism – Zoey Rayne Madurki
All Saints’ Remembrance
- November 9 “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”
- November 16 “Playing it Safe”
- November 23 “Christ the King”



We have been blessed in the month of October to baptize three of God's precious children:

- Ryan Ray Campisi, son of Stacy Tittle
- Ian Nicholas Fuller, son of Colleen Healy
- Connor Matthew Backus, son of Glen Backus and Lindsay Garland

Welcome to the Family of God, boys! We are so glad you are here!

Inspiring Worship

Children's Sunday

On October 12 our kids helped lead the way in worship.

They read, they ushered, they sang and we were reminded that Jesus said,
"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me" (Mark 9:37)

Huge thanks to all the parents and Sunday School teachers who helped us get ready for this day.
And a special word of thanks to Hayley Pellis who directed our Children's Choir!



Engaged Discipleship



There is no Sunday School on November 30!

This holds for all children preschool through 12th grade.
Enjoy your Thanksgiving weekend!

If you have not filled out a Sunday School registration form for your children, please do so immediately. We need to have emergency contact information on file for every child left in our care.

JAM Jar Mission Challenge

Congratulations to our Sunday school children for meeting and even exceeding the JAM Jar Mission Challenge! The challenge was to collect loose change and dollars to fill a really large JAM jar for Babacar. Babacar Dione is a twelve year old boy from West Africa who is sponsored by CPC through World Vision. God is amazing, and the hearts of our children and the really large jar were overflowing!!!

Children collected a grand total of \$242 (\$102 in loose change, \$35 in memory of a member's grandson and a \$105 donation match from an anonymous donor). If you want to join the children in reaching out to Babacar, there is still a JAM jar for Babacar in the sanctuary.



Kids on a Mission

October brought us a new mission challenge – the Wagon Challenge! On October 12th, Mrs. Pizza paid a visit to the children and challenged them to fill a wagon with food items for those in need within our community. The children have until November 2 to bring in 50 items of food that will be used to fill the Thanksgiving baskets. The items requested are: jam, creamy peanut butter, canned corn, canned green beans, canned yams and jars of applesauce. Monetary donations are also accepted!

As of October 19 we had 18 cans of food.

Two weeks and 32 cans to go!!



"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



The Children's Ministry is looking to borrow an easy to put together medium sized Christmas tree for the Christmas season. It will be used to decorate our JAM (Jesus and Me group time) Sunday School room. If you have an extra one to loan us (starting November 30), please contact Adrienne Hodulik at hoduliks@comcas.net. Kim Darcy at mkfdar@aol.com or leave a message with the church office at office4cpc@gmail.com or 908.735.5029, ext. 221.

Engaged Discipleship



Come join us for CHAOS

(Christians Hanging Around On Sundays)!!

We have been having a blast and want you to join us and bring some friends!

Middle Schoolers come join us from 7 – 8 pm and High Schoolers 8 - 9 pm in Fellowship Hall.

CHAOS is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. This month's meetings will be on November 9 & 23.

We hope to see you there!



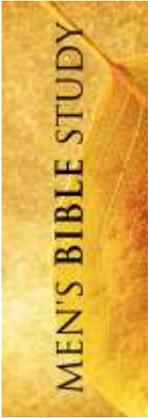
Senior High Retreat
January 23 – 25, 2015

Middle School Retreat
March 13 – 15, 2015

We will be returning to **Lake Champion** for senior high and middle school retreats. There are sign-up sheets on our new bulletin board.

Please see David Henry, Jes Prakopcyk or Bill Berson for more information!

Engaged Discipleship



Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Meets at 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

Bring yourself and a bible.

Upcoming dates – November 1 and 15



Women's Morning Bible Study

Tuesday mornings in Fellowship Hall 9:30 – 11:30 am

“Grappling with Galatians” - Paul’s letter to the church at Galatia is all about the gospel – what is it, what does it mean and how does it change our lives. Paul’s words are both refreshing and challenging. Come and dig in to this book together. All are welcome.

Women's Evening Bible Study

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings at the Manse at 7 pm.

We will continue looking at the Psalms of Ascent. All are welcome to join us.

Get in touch with Tracey if you would like more information. tracey4cpc@gmail.com.

Upcoming date – November 11

Nurturing Relationships

30 people came together for our
First Annual Progressive Dinner
on October 4.

A great time was had by all.

Thanks to all who hosted a portion of the evening. We'll plan on this event again next fall and hope that even more people will be able to join us.



Nurturing Relationships

Deacon Update

Autumn Greetings!! As Deacons, we pray to be a "community of deacons, using the fruits of the Spirit that each of us offers. Let us offer joy when one of us is discouraged and encouragement to each other is all we do in Your name." It is in this spirit that we ask you to allow us to share your burdens and administer your needs. Please let any of us know if we can help in any way- in His Name.

By now you will have all received a postcard update from "your Deacon", as we have divided up the congregation alphabetically so everyone is covered. Please call your Deacon with needs or suggestions. Of course you are encouraged to approach any of us! Our contact information is always in the weekly bulletin.

Prayer request cards are being worked on, and expect more detailed information very soon regarding the upcoming Prayer Stations that will be set up during the Advent season. Look for further improvements to our handicap ramp with the installation of a new handrail soon.

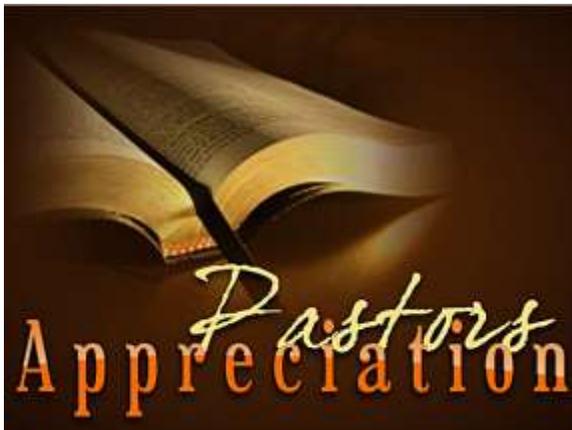
Coming soon - our new "Table of Well Wishes" in Fellowship Hall, where we will have greeting cards for encouragement, get well, thinking of you, etc., for you to sign to be sent to our members as the occasion arises.

We would like to thank you all for your continued contributions for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry.

In September we collected over 100 lbs. of food, and hope to top that in the months ahead! The baskets for your grocery donations are in the front of the sanctuary, as well as envelopes for any monetary donations.

For those of you not familiar with Open Cupboard, it was started in 1993 in a closet inside High Bridge Methodist Church as a means to help a family in the congregation. Since then, it has grown to its present location at 37 Old Hwy 22 in Clinton where not only the food pantry is located, but also a Thrift Shop. The thrift shop is open to all, and proceeds help defray the costs of operating expenses. The food pantry helps over 250 families in our local communities with non-perishable food items, personal products, and fresh food that is purchased with monetary donations. Over 100 volunteers help stock and maintain the pantry and thrift shop. To find out more about Open Cupboard, whether to donate or receive, please go to opencupboardpantry.org. This is a very important ministry right in our neighborhood!

Looking ahead, we are so blessed to have a wonderful congregation helping on many levels for the holidays and every day. Gift Card Sunday will be coming up once again in February, and remember to set aside outgrown or no longer needed coats for our semi- annual coat drive NEXT fall. Later this month we look forward to serving alongside of Mission as we fill and distribute our many Thanksgiving "baskets".



A note from Tracey

Once again, I am humbled by your love and support as you recognized Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Balloons, flowers, books, gifts certificates and, of course, cake! Thank you for your goodness to my family and I. Our shared ministry together is a gift.

Nurturing Relationships



Please welcome the following new members who joined CPC on October 26:

Glen Backus and Lindsay Garland
Mike Cuthill
Tara and Dan Nuzzo
Rosie Sudol

We sincerely thank all of you who helped raise money for Team Bill. The total raised to date is \$6,840. God bless your generosity!

The Mansfield Family,

Liz Mansfield Henriquez, Bill, Beth, and Evie Mansfield,
Eileen and Bill Mansfield



Jeanne Stires Stephenson, beloved wife of Rev. John F. Stephenson (John was an Associate Pastor here at CPC), passed away on October 17. A Memorial Service was held on October 25 at Pluckemin Presbyterian Church.

Transforming Mission

BBQ Dinner Fundraiser

The BBQ Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, October 9 sold 90 meals and raised \$450 in support of the June 2015 Student Mission Trip to Philadelphia.

A big “thank you” to all who donated pork roasts and cookies; parents and students who prepared and served the food; and those in both our congregation and the community who purchased dinners. We will do it again in the Spring of 2015 as our departure for Philly gets closer!

Relief Bus Reminder

We will be serving with the Relief Bus on Saturday, December 6 (at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in NYC).

Contact: Dave Kelly 908.391.6372 or
DLSH27@comcast.net
Come and be a part of this fun group!

Together we can really make a difference!

Transforming Mission

Thanksgiving Baskets

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 hope to deliver a total of 50 - 60 baskets. This year, we would like to ask for your involvement in a new way as we seek to share Christ's love.

There are four 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 26 & November 9.

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

Basket Assembly November 16

Following worship everyone is encouraged to make their way to Fellowship Hall to help us assemble baskets. This hands-on service is part of our stewardship. Once the work is completed we'll treat you to delicious soup and bread lunch! Remember – many hands make light work!

Basket Delivery November 22

Delivering 50 - 60 baskets is a big task. We'd be grateful for lots of help! Sign up to help deliver in Fellowship Hall. Time commitment is between 9 am and noon.

Questions: Contact Sandie Lundeen at 730-6958 or sllundeen@comcast.net

Shopping List

- Canned Sweet Whole Kernel Corn
- Canned French Style Green Beans
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Jellied Cranberry Sauce
- Jar of Applesauce/no unsweetened
- 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



Starting Sunday, November 9, our Giving Tree will be in the back of the sanctuary. Please take the opportunity to help the mission partners that we support during the year. This year we will be helping families in Maine and Kentucky as well as The Friendship Center of New Beginnings in Flemington, The Market Street Mission in Morristown, Family Promise in Hunterdon County and the Relief Bus. There are tags on the tree that have needed gifts and supplies for all of these missions. It is easy to participate in this activity. Simply remove a tag and purchase the item needed.

Please return the item unwrapped and place it under the tree. If you wish to, you can also include wrapping paper to be used by the families. **On Monday, December 1st at 7 pm the Mission Ministry will gather in Fellowship Hall to pack the gifts for mailing.** We welcome you to join us. The Giving Tree is simple and enjoyable way to help others during the Christmas season. ***Don't miss the opportunity.***

Faithful Stewardship

Stewardship Campaign 2015 - Life Abundant

Our Stewardship Campaign is well underway as I write this, and we are off to a good beginning. Many of you have graciously increased your pledges again this year. We are grateful for your continued faithfulness and look forward to another year full of new and exciting ways to serve Christ with your help. If you have not yet made your decision about pledging, please consider joining our church family in this important part of active membership. When all of us contribute, we can accomplish so much more than you can ever imagine. From the abundance that Christ gives to us, we ask that you return a portion to help us with his work. There are pledge cards in the pews if you have not yet taken the opportunity to make your pledge. Remember our goal is to increase the total portion of our budget funded by pledges by 10 %. Please help us reach our goal.

Stewardship would also like to thank all those of you that participated in our stewardship work day after our service on the 26th. It is always fun to work together with friends. With your help we sanitized the toys in the nursery, made some windows sparkle, tended to our flower beds and organized our children's books. We reorganized our historical bookshelf and did some odd jobs in the kitchen. There is always more to do. We welcome any who would like to participate more actively in the ongoing activities of our church to join us on a regular basis. Feel free to enquire how you might be able to help.

We can always use new volunteers. Advent will be here before you know it. It is a wonderful time to get more involved. Perhaps you would like to help decorate our sanctuary, get involved with our Christmas float or join in a mission opportunity. Let Pastor Henry know if you would like to help or simply contact any of our elders or deacons to find out how you can help. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

This year we will offer the ability to pay your pledge through automatic bank withdrawal or credit card. Please visit our web site. Go to the stewardship page and click the "Give Now" button. This will take you to the site where you can arrange to do this. We are also introducing a new planned giving opportunity this year. More information will be forthcoming as we introduce this exciting new program. As you can see, stewardship is an ongoing activity not just something that occurs during the month of October. The people of God are busy being faithful stewards all through the year. There are so many ways to give. Try some new ways this year and see how it can change your life, your church and the lives of others.

Blessings and peace,

Dorothy Battaglia, Stewardship Chair



Work in Progress

If things seem a little brighter in the sanctuary, that's because they are! Paul Brembt is currently working on touching up the paint on our pews and shortly we will look to replace the carpet throughout the sanctuary as it has become quite worn.

Music Staff Search

The Music Search Team has received a number of resumes from candidates who are interested in the Director of Music Position at CPC. Interviews are currently underway and we will keep you updated as progress is made.

In the meantime, we once again extend our grateful thanks to Larry Kursar and Gary Ross who, together our choir and praise team, are doing a fantastic job each week in helping us come together to worship God.

Faithful Stewardship

Session Round-Up – October

Christian Education

This ministry has been divided into two ministries – the Children's Ministry headed by Adrienne Hodulik and Youth Ministry, headed by Bill Berson.

Sunday School started with an increase over last year.

The confirmation class has eight students in it and have started meeting and will have mentors that will join them in January.

The High School Group is very strong with about a dozen kids and has started several activities.

A Youth Fellowship Leader was approved by session. This position would start in January 2015. A team has been approved by session and there will be 5-7 people on it from elders, parents and personnel.

Connections

The Communication and Membership Ministry Teams have combined to form the Connections Ministry Team.

Hospitality will also be represented here. Mark Holmsborg is the chair.

This ministry has started working on cleaning up CPC membership rolls.

Six new members will join the church on October 26.

Finance

The 2015 budget was presented and passed by session

This team came up with the idea of having Planned Giving in our church. Session hired a consultant and now there is a CPC team working on Planned Giving. This should be brought to the congregation sometime in November.

Pledges for 2014 are currently running at 88% year to date.

On line giving on the web page will start on November 2.

Mission

A representative of the Relief Bus preached to the congregation on October 19. A special collection was taken for that organization.

Thanksgiving basket planning is well under way. Food that is needed for the baskets started being put in the bulletin on October 19. Baskets will be delivered on November 23.

The Christmas Giving Tree will go up on November 9 and gifts will be sent out on December 2.

Nominating

They have been meeting to fill the vacant deacon and vacant elder positions

Pastor

Rev Henry announced that there will be a joint Thanksgiving service on Tuesday night, November 25. This will be a joint service with Bethlehem, Alexandria and Frenchtown.

Rev Tracey has accepted a nomination to serve on the Personnel Committee of the Elizabeth Presbytery.

Personnel

The Music Ministry Task Force, which is looking for a Music Director has done several interviews.

This committee is looking for a replacement child care individual.

Property

Tom Brankner presented a Capital Budget for the sanctuary. Session put emphasis on the carpet and Tom will be prioritizing the budget.

Session

Passed a new CPC Facilities procedure that was put forth by Rev Henry.

Accepted the resignation of Sharon Stevens as an elder.

Approved a congregational meeting for October 5 for the budget and for the congregation to vote on the pastor's call.

Stewardship

The stewardship campaign has begun and will wrap up on October 26. The campaign this year is called Life Abundant.

Worship

Judy Beck announced that there will be the Hanging of the Greens after worship on November 23.

Faithful Stewardship

Family Promise/IHN by the Numbers...

20+... Years since the program was brought to Hunterdon County by a handful of volunteers

12... Host congregations in Hunterdon County

3... Average number of support congregations needed during a week-long stay

4... Average number of weeks a congregation is expected to host sheltered families during a year

6...Sundays a year CPC is called to assist Bethlehem Presbyterian Church

19...Hours between noon on Sunday and 7:00 am on Monday for which CPC is responsible during a week of service

5...Shifts needed to supervise the 19 hours for which CPC is responsible

10...Volunteers (2 per shift) needed to supervise CPC's shift

5...Volunteers (1 per shift) who constitute CPC's skeleton crew, no longer acceptable by the organization

0...Hours of experience needed to volunteer for one of the shifts

1...Buddy teaches a "Newbie" the ropes

11232014...November 23, 2014 the next (and final date for 2014) CPC is called to serve at Bethlehem Presbyterian

1...YOU!!!, volunteering

For additional information and sign-ups,
please contact

Ino Sowder - ino.sowder@gmail.com or
Mary Joan Barr - mjbarr1@earthlink.net

Thanks to all who volunteered to help
at our last Property Work Day!



Advent/Christmas Preview

During the Advent season we will offer opportunities for worship, prayer and fellowship that help us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah. Watch the weekly bulletin and email announcements for more details as the time draws closer.

Advent Candle Lighting

Each Sunday during Advent we light a new candle on our Advent wreath as we prepare to welcome Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Please contact Tracey if you would like to participate in this activity.



Join us after the
Clinton Christmas
Parade
on Friday,
December 5



On December 14, Presentation Brass Quintet will lead us in worship at 9:30 am. As we move through the season of Advent and anticipate the joy of Christmas, their music will help create holy encounters for us.

Christmas Pageant

December 21

Join us for worship as our kids and teens help us remember the greatest story ever told.

Details about rehearsals will be shared soon. After worship we'll join together for our annual Advent Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.



5pm Family Service

As a congregation we will retell the story of Christ's birth with the angels, the shepherds and the sheep.

11pm Candlelight Communion Service

Come and be lifted in joy through Word and Song as we welcome the Christ child and usher in Christmas Day at this candlelight service

November Birthdays

- 1 Ino Sowder
- 2 Amey Barnes, Liam Berson, Andrew Christopher, Reed Heine, Castor Penyak
- 3 Vicki Haggerty, Kim Sayre
- 4 Soliana Pfurr
- 5 Sharon Holmsborg
- 6 Ashley Krushinski, Suzy Molyneux
- 7 Jackie Cocchiola, Jan Kreutel
- 8 Ryan Buchman
- 9 Emily Madurki, Rebecca Roth, Matthew Sergison
- 12 Kinsco Pusztai, Kerri Speck
- 13 Michelle Sween
- 15 Finnian Berson
- 16 Robert Tombs
- 17 Rory Kotter
- 18 Bev Harclerode, Robert Marotta
- 19 Edward Forman, Iva Musnuff
- 20 Katie Krause, Scott Lundeen
- 21 Joseph LaSpada
- 24 Doris Cramer, Alison Pelose, Christa Spengeman
- 25 Diane Nordstrom, Scarlett Penyak
- 27 Keith Grove, Carol Kotopoulos
- 28 Barbara Lewis
- 29 Cynthia Christopher, Ryan Tipping
- 30 Matthew Hodulik

November Anniversaries

- 16 David and Caroline Sergison
- 20 Tom and Shelley Brankner
- 23 Randy and Sue Whitt



Our Boy Scout Troop 121

October Theme: Weird New Jersey

The Troop went on a white water rafting weekend camping trip.

They held a meeting on the top floor of The Clinton Art Museum to explore reports of paranormal activities.

They helped a campout for the local Cub Scout Webelos to introduce them to Boy Scouting.

Questions - contact Lisa Miller, Charter Representative
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