

May 2025

# Clinton Presbyterian Church



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## From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

The lilies may have faded, and the alleluias from Easter morning may have quieted, but the truth of the resurrection is still ringing in our hearts: Christ is risen—He is risen indeed!

This is the season when we remember that Easter is not just a day—it's a way of life. As Easter people, we are called to carry the light and hope of the resurrection into the everyday places of our lives. The world is still in need of healing, still in need of love, and still in need of good news. And the good news is: God is still at work—through us.

In these pages, you'll find stories of that resurrection work happening right here in our congregation—people loving generously, serving joyfully, and sharing Christ's grace in ways both big and small. These are not merely updates; they are signs of life—evidence that the risen Christ is still moving in our midst.

Throughout the month of May, in our "Easter People," sermon series, we'll continue to walk alongside figures like Paul, Lydia, and Tabitha—ordinary people whose lives were transformed by the resurrection. Their faith didn't only show up in dramatic moments; it was lived out in daily decisions, relationships, and acts of courage and compassion. Just like us.

As we head into a full and lively spring, with all its activities and gatherings, my prayer is that we won't just get busy—we'll stay rooted. That we won't just go through the motions—we'll move through the season with intention, joy, and resurrection hope.

May we live like Easter people—not just on Sunday, but every day.

See you in church,

Tracy

**Spring/Summer  
Program Guide 2025**



# March



## Great Discussions

At our most recent gathering, Leanne and Jake Treese helped facilitate an important conversation around Artificial Intelligence. They helped us explore the practical applications of AI in areas like business, medicine, and everyday life, as well as the ethical challenges it presents. Together, we discussed how AI can enhance efficiency and innovation, while also considering the moral responsibilities that come with its use.

It was a thought-provoking conversation that encouraged us to think critically about the future of AI and its role in shaping the world around us.

## A Progressive Dinner... That Didn't Progress!

Who says you have to move around to have a good time? This year's "Progressive Dinner" at CPC took a creative twist — we never actually progressed! Instead of traveling from house to house, we gathered at the Manse for an evening full of laughter, food, and fellowship. And no-one missed the travel time!

Our chefs for the evening, Jake Treese, Lee Longell and Larry Kursar, served up three amazing entrees: Swedish Meatballs, Stuffed Shells and Chicken Scallopini. Add to that an assortment of delicious appetizers and you can be assured that no-one went home hungry! Whether we're moving from house to house or staying put, one thing's for sure —when CPC gets together, it's always a night to remember.





# March - Kids & Youth

## CHAOS



## Prayer Stations

As we entered the season of Lent, our middle & high schoolers experienced the sanctuary in a whole new way. During an evening of stillness and reflection, they walked through Lenten Prayer Stations — creating space for one-on-one time with God. How special it was to witness them fully embrace the experience of slowing down, pausing, and offering their prayers in the midst of life's busyness.



## Chopped Challenge

Our youth put their creativity (and taste buds!) to the test in an epic Chopped Challenge! With a little help from our Chopped Judges (aka awesome parents!), each team walked away with a personalized award celebrating their unique creation!



## Spring Youth Retreat

Our high schoolers had an unforgettable weekend at Camp Johnsonburg! With small group conversations, cozy lodges, worship tailored for teens, and hiking through the beautiful grounds, it was the perfect mix of faith and fun. Most importantly, the retreat gave students space to grow in their relationships—with each other and with God. We are so thankful for the awesome memories created!





# Lent

## Lent Small Groups: Meeting Jesus at the Table

Throughout the Lenten season, CPC gathered in small groups using the book "Meeting Jesus at the Table" as our guide. Each week, we explored moments in Scripture where Jesus met people in ordinary settings—sharing meals, asking questions, offering grace—and saw how those encounters still speak to us today. As we reflected on Jesus' table encounters, we discovered that He still meets us in the everyday—in shared meals, open hearts, and honest questions. Thank you to all who hosted, led, and participated in these groups. As we move forward from Lent, may we continue to carry that spirit of openness, connection, and hospitality—always making room at the table.



## Lent Lunches @ the Manse

What a joy these Lent lunches turned out to be! Each week brought a fresh chance to pause, connect, and enjoy being together, and we're so grateful to everyone who came along. It was Lent as it should be: reflective, nourishing, and shared. P.S not pictured is the large quantity of chicken nuggets and mac and cheese consumed by our youngest diners!





# Lent & Easter - Kids & Youth

## Sunday Funday



In March our Sunday Funday-ers had a wonderful time walking through our beautiful town of Clinton, lifting up prayers for the community and all the amazing people who serve it. We paused at key spots to pray for those who work so hard to make our community a better place. Then in April it was time for another "field trip" where we joined the community for Art in Bloom.



## Joy Scouts



## Seder

On the first Sunday of April, our youth gathered for a meaningful Seder meal—experiencing the same kind of celebration Jesus would have shared with His disciples. We walked through the storytelling and symbolism of the Passover, shared a traditional Jewish meal, and reflected on the beauty of God's redemption story. It was a night of learning, laughter, and reverence as we honored this sacred tradition together and deepened our understanding of the roots of our faith.



The Joy Scouts volunteered together five times over the past two months in a wide variety of ways! We delivered donated food and worked at the Flemington Food Pantry, socialized shelter cats at Tabby's Place Cat Sanctuary, played bingo with the residents of Independence Manor, picked up trash during the Raritan Headwaters Association's annual stream cleanup, and gathered for fellowship with some new friends in the HDL group. Who can? Kids can! Join us in the months ahead!





# Holy Week Recap

## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday at CPC was joyful, and meaningful, and full from start to finish! The sanctuary was alive with the waving of palm branches, the sound of children leading us in worship, and the anticipation of Holy Week ahead. But this year, the focus wasn't just on palms... it was also on rocks.

That's right—Rock Sunday took center stage as we explored Jesus' words in Luke 19:40: "If these were silent, the very stones would cry out." This Sunday challenged us to consider what it means to be living stones—people who don't just show up, but speak up and live out the Good News in real, visible ways.

On Palm Sunday, we also welcomed 8 new members to our church family! Please introduce yourselves to them if you haven't already done so and learn more about them on our [new member pages](#).



## Eggs Galore!

We had an abbreviated Sunday School session on Palm Sunday and then 36 kids descended on the front lawn and the hunt was ON!!! Can you believe that in just 15 minutes, they found over 900 eggs filled with tiny treasures! We are surprised we got them to sit still long enough to take this group photo! Thanks to our Middle schoolers for hiding the eggs - you sure thought of some good hiding spots!



# Holy Week Recap

## Maundy Thursday

What a special evening we shared on Maundy Thursday. The Fellowship Hall was full of laughter, conversation, and the comforting aroma of homemade soup. People of all ages gathered around tables—not just for a meal, but for a meaningful time of worship and remembrance.

As we ate together, the service unfolded right at our tables. Scripture readings guided us through the story of Jesus' last night with His disciples. Hand and foot washing offered a humbling and powerful reminder of Christ's call to love and serve one another. Communion was celebrated at each table, drawing us close to Jesus. It was a beautiful blend of fellowship and faith, reminding us that the table has always been a place where Jesus meets His people.

Thank you to everyone who cooked, served, set up, cleaned up, and simply showed up. You helped create a space where Christ was truly present.





# Holy Week Recap



## Good Friday – Kids

On Good Friday, CPC's youngest hearts gathered for a quiet and reflective time in the sanctuary to remember the story of Holy Week and Easter. We took time to wash one another's hands, paused to reflect on the sadness of Good Friday and remembered together that the hard part of the story was not the end of the story. A hands on art project helped to reveal the good news of Easter Sunday – he is risen!

Afterwards we headed over to Fellowship Hall and worked together to create beautiful "stained glass" crosses before enjoying some easter cookies and brownies.

Thank you to our Children's Ministry Team members who helped create such a sacred space for our kids.



## Evening Tenebrae

On Good Friday, our community gathered for a deeply moving Tenebrae service—a solemn journey through the Seven Last Words of Jesus. The sanctuary grew quieter and darker as each word was read, each candle extinguished, drawing us deeper into the sorrow and mystery of the cross.

Our choir and quartet offered beautiful music while soloists shared reflective pieces that gave space to sit with the story. By the end, we sat together in silence, the Christ candle carried out, as we waited now for Resurrection.





# Easter @ CPC!

## Easter Sunday at CPC

There wasn't an empty pew in the sanctuary as we gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. From the first note to the final "Amen," the room was filled with life, hope, and the good news that He is risen indeed! Our praise team and choir led us in beautiful, Spirit-filled worship, joined by the bright, triumphant sound of the trumpet ringing out "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today."

And the children—what a joy to see them discovering "little Jesus" figures tucked in unexpected places around the sanctuary. With each tiny find, they were reminded (and reminded us!) that Jesus still shows up where we least expect Him.



Outside, the flowering of the cross became a powerful visual of new life. One by one, people of all ages came forward to add fresh blooms, turning a symbol of death into something vibrant and alive.

Through music, the message, and the communion we experienced with one another, we were reminded that this is no idle tale. The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive. And we are a resurrection people!

**A huge thank you to our incredible music volunteers who helped lead us through a meaningful Lent and Easter season. From the quiet, contemplative moments of Lent to the joyful celebration of Resurrection Sunday, your gifts helped us worship deeply and authentically. Thank you for sharing your time, your talent, and your hearts. Your ministry made this season truly special.**





# Musical Happenings

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## Mr. Ted Brancato



May has arrived in all its sneezy, sun-dappled glory! The CPC grounds are blooming, the birds are singing, and so are we—literally. Before I launch into what's ahead, let's take a quick look back at the musical whirlwind we've been riding through Early March, Lent, and into Eastertide.

March began with a Children's service. **The Children's Chorus** sang "Thank You, Lord" complete with choreography. **Tom Fuller and Davis Henry** performed "All God's Critters", with Davis on ukulele, and **Emmett Dougherty** wowed us with "Didn't It Rain".

On March 5th, we observed Ash Wednesday with a quiet, contemplative service. **Ted Brancato** opened with a bluesy version of "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" and the congregation sang beautiful chants composed by the Taizé Community of France. **The Chancel Choir** offered "Bless the Lord, O My Soul", featuring solos by **Pete Peterson, Tom Fuller, Amy Barnes, Kevin Thompson, and Georgia Goodman**. A veritable who's-who of CPC vocal talent!



The First Sunday of Lent (March 9) featured **Kevin Thompson** singing "How Can I Keep From Singing" for the prelude. **The Praise Team** followed with Paul Zach's "Fill Your Cup With Joy", led by **Tom Fuller**, whose cup—and vocal cords—runneth over.



On March 16, our unofficial St. Patrick's Day celebration opened with **Amey Barnes** playing "Hewlett" on the flute, **the Chancel Choir** sang "Thy Holy Wings". **Amey** returned with "Carolán's Memories" for a lovely Irish-tinged postlude.

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# Musical Happenings

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Mr. Ted Brancato



March 23 brought us a beautiful prelude by a quartet of bell ringers —**Cathie Sayre, Janet Boyd, Tom Fuller**, and bell choir leader **Jared Miner**—playing “Be Thou My Vision”. The offertory was a touching rendition of an old hymn - “Stand By Me”, sung by **Tom Fuller** and accompanied by **Bill Anthony, Jr.** on acoustic guitar, and new church member and member of the Praise Team, **Jeff Moskovciak** on electric guitar.

March 30 offered a double blessing: a prelude that was an original composition by **Amey Barnes** (lyrics and music!) sung by **Amey and Kevin Thompson**. **The Chancel Choir** brought back “Bless the Lord, My Soul” from Ash Wednesday for a well-deserved encore.

April 6—the 5th Sunday of Lent—opened with the **Bell Choir** playing “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”, which they did beautifully. **Emmett Dougherty, Molly Keefe, June Perry, and Marin Dougherty** sang “Even When” for the offertory, with harmony by **Julie Baldassare**. And speaking of **Julie**, she returned for Communion with a soulful version of “Your Love Is My Song”. I’m certain we’ll be hearing more of that song - it’s a toe tapper!





# Musical Happenings

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## Mr. Ted Brancato



Palm Sunday (April 13)—Pastor Tracey's favorite service of the year—started in classic "Ted" fashion: with a couple of false starts on the piano. Once the kids heard the correct song they processed in, palm fronds waving, as they sang "Ho Ho Ho Hosanna" and "This Is The Day". **The Chancel Choir** followed with the triumphant new anthem "Let The Rocks Cry Out", echoing the energy of Pastor Tracey's sermon.

Maundy Thursday (April 17) featured a simple yet moving soup-and-bread supper. During the washing of feet and hands, **Ted** played "Amazing Grace" on piano, and the service closed with the group singing "God Is So Good".

Then came Good Friday (April 18). The service opened with a somber jazz rendition of "Old Rugged Cross" by **Ted Brancato**. **The Chancel Choir** sang "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace", **Julie Baldassare** offered "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus", and **Abby Dougherty** played "What Wondrous Love Is This" on flute. A vocal quartet—**Amey Barnes, Sharon Rosenberg, Pete Peterson, and Kevin Thompson**—sang "Saw Ye My Savior", accompanied by **Abby and Ted** (on the newly-repaired pipe organ—kudos to **Glenn Gray** for his emergency electrical work!). The service ended with "Were You There", with the final verse movingly sung solo by **Kevin Thompson**.

And then... Easter (April 20)! We kicked it off with **Dave De Rienzo** on trumpet and **Mari Green** singing "Little David" (a little taste of what she'll be singing in her CPC sponsored concert on May 18th) as the gathering music. **The Chancel Choir** opened with the introit "Hear The Glad Sound", followed by a enthusiastic version of "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"—complete with rhythm section, trumpet, and the mighty voice of **Mari Green** leading the way. We brought back "Glory To God" for the response to confession and also brought back our Praise Team member, **Rick Hyman**, from a long hiatus due to knee surgery, to sing it, along with **Julie Baldassare**. For the offertory, the **Chancel Choir** sang "Alleluia, Praise The Risen King" with percussion provided by **Maddie Morman** on synthesizer. Communion was a full-on family affair: **the Chancel Choir along with Emmett and Marin Dougherty on vocals, Adam and August Dougherty on percussion, and Mari Green** with more of that soulful singing. A joyful noise indeed.





# Musical Happenings

Mr. Ted Brancato



And now, onto May and beyond...you may have noticed a rather tall gentleman playing guitar with the Praise Team. That's new member **Jeff Moskovciak** who has joyfully and generously graced us with his musical talent. He will be featured in upcoming services, along with our **Youth Choir, Summer Choir, Praise Team, Bell Choir, and various vocal and instrumental soloists**. We will hold services outdoors one Sunday a month during the Summer, and Pastor Tracey is planning at least a few services featuring music from Broadway musicals. If you or your child would like to get involved in our music ministry, please let Ted know ([tbrancato@clintonpresbyterian.net](mailto:tbrancato@clintonpresbyterian.net)) and he will find a place for you in this kind and welcoming community.

## Summer Choir

Love to sing but can't commit to weekly rehearsals? We've got the perfect opportunity for you - Summer Choir! We'll gather at 8:30 AM to rehearse familiar songs and then share them as a joyful offering in worship. Want to get a head start? Email Ted, and he'll send you the sheet music and even an MP3 to practice with at home. Whether you join us for one date or all three, we'd love to have you sing with us this summer!

**June 15, July 20, August 17**



## A Life in Song: Mari Green and Friends

May 18 - 4pm

Join us for a special afternoon of music and inspiration with the incredibly talented Mari Green, a performing artist and dear friend of CPC! "A Life in Song" will take you on a journey through Mari's personal and artistic experiences, bringing powerful stories and heartfelt songs to life. This is a concert you won't want to miss—invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you. Tickets are on sale now - [click here](#) to reserve yours!



# Mission

## Our Community Impact

The Mission team would like to share the wonderful thank you messages we have received from our 2024 disbursements to organizations. The disbursements served both local organizations (81%) and national / international organizations (19%). We will continue to share these messages throughout the year within the newsletter so that everyone can see the impact we are making in both local and greater communities.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Pedals for Progress  
PO Box 312  
High Bridge, NJ 08829  
908-638-8893  
www.p4p.org

Dear Pedal People,

November, 2024

I am very happy to announce that your support has allowed us to establish a new program in Sierra Leone with the Kola Nut Producer's Association in conjunction with Slow Food Sierra Leone. This fall they successfully unloaded their first shipment of bicycles and sewing machines after months at sea.

This new program has struck a chord with our donors and sponsors, people that I have had the pleasure of connecting with at our collections and speaking engagements this summer and fall. How these bikes will be helping the community of Kenema, Sierra Leone is quite amazing, when fully considering that many of these bikes will be going directly to rural farmers.

Farms are the sole reason we have modern civilization. World history has existed largely around the most fertile places in the world for a reason. Where there is food there are people. Where there are people there are communities. By aiding farmers with our bicycles, we are helping the community prosper at its core. This new program will be empowering farmers to improve their lives and contribute to the well-being of their communities and the planet.

Alieu Sesay, pictured below, is one of the first farmers of our new program that has received an adult sized tricycle. This tricycle will greatly improve his productivity and health. Before this, Alieu had to carry 60kg (132lbs) of Kola Nuts on his head from his farm in Dalu Village to the Market in Kenema, a grueling 12-mile journey that has caused significant strain on his neck and back. Thanks to his new tricycle to help transport his crop, he will live a less strenuous, more prosperous life.

A community with productive farmers means a full and thriving population of people ready to seize the day on their own bicycles. These bicycles help people get where they need to be, and because of that, we are building thriving communities for years to come. Your support helps us continue to provide transportation that is putting food on the plates of people in Sierra Leone and everywhere we send our bicycles. Please consider making a donation today to help us put used bikes and sewing machines to good use.

Sincerely,

Alan Schultz

President, Pedals for Progress and Sewing Peace



Used Bicycle & Sewing Machine Collection  
Sponsored by Clinton Presbyterian Church and the  
North Hunterdon Rotary Club

RAIN OR SHINE

Saturday, May 10th 9am-12pm  
Clinton Presbyterian Church  
91 Center Street  
Clinton, NJ 08809



***We are hosting another Pedals for Progress event on Saturday May 10, from 9am-12pm and we are pleased to be partnering with North Hunterdon Rotary Club to support this amazing organization.***

***We'll be accepting used bikes (kids and adults) and sewing machines to be put to use in developing countries where they will be used as tools to aid supporting education, employment and more!***



# Mission



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Clinton Presbyterian Church  
91 Center Street  
Clinton, NJ 08809

Dear Church members,

Thank you for your generous \$250.00 donation on 10/25/2024 to CASA SHaW. You may not know it, but You Changed A Child's Story today.

Here is an example of the positive and powerful difference the availability of these funds make.

One of our case supervisors shared this story, "Please read the response from a 17 year-old after CASA gave him an electric scooter (he uses it to get to school and his was stolen) and Timberland boots (which had to have been expensive as he wears a size 16). Our donors are remarkable humans."

*Tell them that the gift is amazing and I couldn't have asked for anything better. This makes my life a hundred times better so I don't have to walk everywhere in the cold. Tell them (CASA) thank you very much and that this means a lot to me.*

We are very grateful to you for your support of our program and thank you wholeheartedly for your continued partnership with us. Our volunteers cannot fulfill our advocacy mission without you. Again, please accept our heartfelt thanks for being an everyday hero on behalf of vulnerable children.

Warm wishes,

  
Ellen Davis  
Director of Development  
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EIN# 20-2625203

*Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent that the law allows. No good part, were provided in exchange for this contribution. CASA SHaW is described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN# 20-2625203 letter as your receipt for tax purposes*



Presbyterian Mission  
**Presbyterian  
Disaster Assistance**

  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

December 2024

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Clinton Presbyterian Church  
91 Center St.  
Clinton, NJ 08809-1413

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate this Advent season of waiting, hope, and preparation, we are reminded of the light that Christ brings into a world often shadowed by tragedy and despair. This light has shone brightly through your faithful support, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Because of your generosity, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been able to respond to profound challenges around the world. When hurricanes, wildfires, and other disasters devastated communities, displacing families and destroying homes, your support let us provide immediate relief and long-term rebuilding. As ongoing violence and conflict forced families from their homes in search of safety, your compassion provided refuge and dignity to those living through the uncertainty of life as refugees. To the millions of people, many of them children, who are suffering beyond one's imagination, your contributions have brought hope, healing, and a tangible reminder of Christ's love.

Your gift of \$500 on 11/4/2024 to OG100000 OGHS Presbyterian Disaster Assistance helped ensure that PDA could walk alongside those rebuilding their lives after disasters, offer trauma care to those most in need, and support local partners in crisis response. Because of you, the Church's mission of caring for "the least of these" has been lived out in transformative ways.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for extending Christ's light into the darkest corners of the world. Your generosity continues to make a difference in the lives of so many.

May your Advent season be filled with peace, joy, and the assurance of God's love made manifest in Jesus Christ.

In gratitude,



The Rev. Edwin González-Castillo  
Coordinator, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

# Mission



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January 22, 2025

Clinton Presbyterian Church  
91 Center Street  
Clinton, NJ 08809  
Attn: Larry Boyd

Dear Clinton Presbyterian Church Congregants,

Some people make choices that change lives. Thank you for being one of them. Your Mission ministry contribution of \$300 will help change the lives of children, women, families, and other community members. Tremendous support from individuals like you allows Family Promise of Hunterdon County to continue fostering Homelessness Prevention Programs, Mental Health, Financial Empowerment, and Neighbors in Need programs.

Additionally, we now have a new program **Hope Restored** that provides outreach services to a growing number of households experiencing some type of housing crisis in our community. This is in line with our mission to guide **ALL** families to permanent housing by mobilizing the community.

Together, we are positively impacting the lives of both the people and the community. Family Promise of Hunterdon County's desire is for families to maintain long-term stability. Thank you, again, for choosing to give to our mission. We are grateful that you made our families a priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela", is written over a horizontal line.

Angela Fields  
Executive Director

*We wish to state, herein, that no goods or services were received by you in exchange for this contribution.*



# New Members

## Eight Is Great! Welcoming New Members on Palm Sunday

What a joy it was to celebrate Palm Sunday with not just waving palms and joyful songs, but also by welcoming eight new members into the CPC family! Eight is great—and so is the growing community of hearts saying “yes” to life together in Christ. These new members bring unique gifts, stories, and energy to our church, and we’re so thankful they’ve chosen to call CPC home. Be sure to say hello, introduce yourself, and help them feel the warm welcome CPC is known for. We’re better together—and we’re so glad they’re here.

### The Muscoviaks – Jeff & Julie

We started attending CPC after loving the preschool experience our daughter had at CPC's preschool. We love the way the church interacts with the local community, and that there are so many opportunities to serve and get to know others. We have felt so welcomed, and more importantly, we feel that our children are welcome and an important part of the church family. Julie is currently living her dream as a stay at home mom to Brooke and Chase, and she loves to read and spend time outdoors. Jeff has been a Christian most of his life and he is passionate about music ministry. He works in architecture and loves discovering new architectural technologies.



### Kim & Kalie Italiano

My husband Andrew and I have 1 daughter, Kalie and 6 cats (yes 6, that's not a typo). We're a family of animal lovers, Disney fanatics, and lovers of the arts and sports. I am the Registrar at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center, one of my families favorite places to be. And no, I'm not Vania's sister even though I love her as if she was.

I'm Kalie, a 16 year old junior in high school. I love watching and playing sports along with strength training. I love art, especially working on the pottery wheel. I hope I can get to know the congregation well and I'm so excited to be a part of CPC!!

# New Members



## The Letts - Corey & Kristen

Corey & Kristen Letts recently moved to Clinton, were married in September of 2024, and are excited to be joining CPC and become more active members of the community. Corey has a long history of public service having served active duty in the USMC for 9 years before starting a career in Federal Law Enforcement. Kristen works mostly from home in marketing and sales while taking care of their 9 month old fur-baby Molly and completing various home improvement projects. They both enjoy staying active and traveling as well as spending time with family and friends.

## The Musacchios - Bill & Christine

I am the grandson of late Presbyterian minister. I grew up in a community church and was involved in the Habitat for Humanity mission trips. I enjoy the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

My name is Christine and I live in Bethlehem Township with my husband, 2 children, and dog. I enjoy relaxing on weekends and spending quality time with family after a busy work week. I'm excited to have found a great community for our family at CPC!



***Draw the circle, draw the circle wide  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No-one stands alone, we'll stand side by side,  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.***



# Preschool

So much fun and learning happens at preschool. The winter days kept us inside on occasion where we played games, made shaving cream messes while learning letters, had tons of fun experimenting with colors, and observing the reactions of mixing together two cooking ingredients. When we couldn't go out on the playground, we danced, threw snowballs, caught snowflakes on our scooters and ran around the Fellowship Hall to warm up our muscles. We try to get outside as much as we can and on those outside days we dug holes, moved mulch and made sidewalks in our playground.

Birthdays were celebrated, parents and siblings came in to read their child's favorite book. Of course we love having Ms Judy read to us, always bringing special surprises that go along with her stories. Valentine's Day is a fun and also funny friend day.

The children love our Stay and Play Lunch Bunch days and we were able to schedule four of them in January and in February.

No matter how nasty the weather or how busy the schedules are, our preschool families bring their smiles to school. It is truly a happy place!



# Building Updates

## A Welcome in the Making

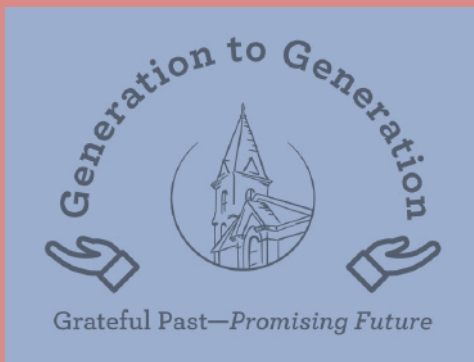
Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we work to restore the front doors of our church. We recognize that having only one set of doors operational has been an inconvenience, and we're grateful for your flexibility.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, repairs were delayed. However, we're pleased to share that work on the west side doors will begin shortly. During this time, the east side doors will remain in use for entry and exit.



We hope to have both sets of doors fully repaired and open by the end of summer. This project is not part of our capital campaign but is being funded through our capital improvement budget.

These doors do more than open into a building—they help us extend a spirit of welcome to all who enter, whether visiting for the first time or returning home again. We look forward to the day when both sets of doors will stand open, reflecting our warm welcome to all



## Generation to Generation Capital Campaign

Our Generation to Generation Capital Campaign will officially draw to close this Spring. [This Report](#) provides a thorough update on the work which has been accomplished thanks to the generosity and commitment of our church family. These pages tell a story of faith that is worth celebrating and we plan to do just that!

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, please join us for a joyful outdoor worship service featuring special guest jazz musicians, as we mark both the birthday of the Church and the conclusion of our Capital Campaign. After worship the celebration will continue with live music, great food, and fun for all ages – don't miss it! [RSVP today.](#)

**If you have not yet had the opportunity to fulfill your pledge, we warmly invite you to do so in the weeks ahead. Every contribution —large or small—brings us closer to the vision we've shared. Pledges can be completed online [here](#), mailed to the church office, or placed in the offering plate during worship with "Capital Campaign" clearly noted.**

**For questions about your pledge, please contact the church office.  
You can also check the status of your giving on Realm.**



# Summer Preview

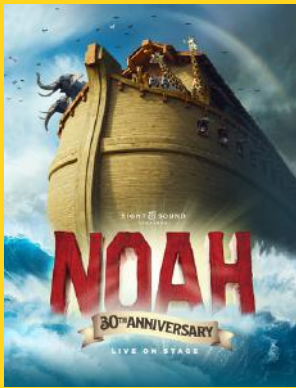
Find out about ALL of our upcoming events and RSVP in our Spring & Summer Program Guide!

Spring & Summer  
Program Guide



## Outdoor Worship: June 8, July 13, August 10

We're taking worship outside this summer! While we may be leaving the building, we'll still be in God's beautiful sanctuary as we gather outdoors on select Sundays. Bring a comfy chair or blanket, and join us as we share the good news in the great outdoors! All are welcome to come and experience worship in a fresh and joyful way. See you there!



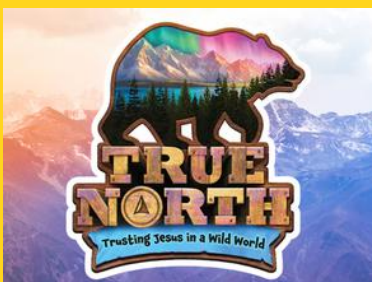
## Sight and Sound July 16 - 3pm show

If you've never been to the Sight and Sound Theatre, you are in for a real treat! This immersive experience, on a panoramic stage, brings the biblical story to life. We have reserved a limited number of tickets reserved so snag yours today. The cost is \$76 for adults and \$42 for kids.



## July Sermon Series: July 13, July 20, July 27

The magic of Broadway is undeniable - the music, the dancing, the unforgettable characters! It leaves us inspired and uplifted. This summer, join us as we revisit some of Broadway's biggest hits and discover how they connect with our faith. Who knows, you might even find yourself dancing your way out of worship!



## Vacation Bible School July 21 - July 25, 2025 5:30pm - 8:00pm

All kids from Pre-K-6th Grade are invited to register today.

Get ready for an unforgettable journey at this year's Vacation Bible School! [Click here to register!](#)

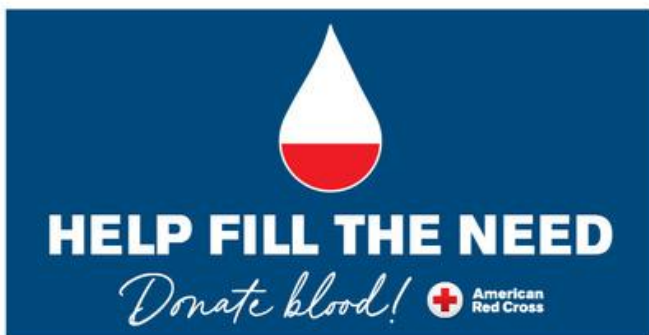
# Birthdays & More



Timothy John  
April 9th



Emma Nicole  
April 2nd



## **Blood Drive** **Clinton Presbyterian Church**

Fellowship Hall  
91 Center Street  
Clinton, NJ 08809

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**  
**2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: ClintonPres to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.  
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.  
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



Come give June 1 to 30 for \$15 Gift Card emailed plus chance to win \$7K prize. See [rcblood.org/Count](https://rcblood.org/Count)

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## Hang & Do what you Love



**When?** April 24th, May 15th, June 12th  
7:00-9:00pm

**Where?** 91 Center St. Clinton, NJ  
(Please use the Office Entrance to meet in Fellowship Hall at Clinton Presbyterian Church)

**Who?** Hunterdon County Adults, 21 & over, with Intellectual Disabilities

**Why?** To enjoy a variety of activities while building relationships among other special needs adults & the community

email [hdl@clintonpresbyterian.net](mailto:hdl@clintonpresbyterian.net) for more information

