

# PROGRAM GUIDE

CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Spring &  
Summer 2025*



*91 Center Street  
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# Welcoming to All Growing in Faith Serving with Love.

Friends,

Spring has sprung, and summer's on the way— which means life is about to get a little busier, a little sunnier, and maybe a bit more on-the-go.

Around here, we know that these months can feel a little unpredictable. People come and go, plans shift, and weekends fill up fast. But through it all, our church community stays rooted. Worship continues. Ministries keep growing. And there are so many ways to stay connected, even if your schedule's a little all over the place.

This Spring/Summer program guide is full of opportunities to be together - serving, worshiping, learning and growing. So take a look and jump in where you can as we make this season one filled with faith and connection.

Grateful to be on this journey with you,

Tracey

Tracey



Anywhere you see this symbol,  , please click to sign up online!

Or reach out to Ali and let her know of your interest! [office@clintonpresbyterian.net](mailto:office@clintonpresbyterian.net)

# NOTES ABOUT WORSHIP

## Weekly Worship

We worship every Sunday at 9:30am and all are welcome to join us.

We celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Services are also livestreamed to our YouTube Page.



## Participate in Worship

Every week members and friends are invited to help lead in worship in a variety of ways. From ushers and scripture readers to AV support and children's conversations, there is an important job for everyone. And training is provided! If you are interested in participating in any way, please send an email to [Ali](#) and let her know how you would like to get involved.

## New Members

We love to welcome new friends to our church family. Membership classes are offered on a regular basis throughout the year. Our church is made up of people who have found their way to CPC from many different denominational backgrounds and those who are new to the Christian faith. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at CPC. Please contact [Tracey](#) to learn more.

## Children @ CPC

We love children at CPC! Children are always welcome to stay in worship with their families. You will find Busy Bags at the front and the back of the sanctuary filled with quiet activities for little hands.

Each week we have a special Children's Conversation during worship. Children ages 6 and under are welcome to go to the nursery following this time or remain in the sanctuary.

Older kids are encouraged to stay in worship with their grown ups. Special bulletins which follow the theme of the worship service are available to help them stay engaged.

Nursery care is provided for infants for the entirety of the worship service should parents desire it.



All children and youth in 3rd grade and up are invited to be an acolyte. Our Acolytes at CPC serve by lighting and extinguishing the candles in the sanctuary as part of the worship service. The light represents the Light of Christ, reminding all of us that God is with us in worship.

Please contact [Ali](#) in the church office and she will get you connected!

## Flat Jesus is Back!

CPC has been having adventures with Flat Jesus now for several years! Let's make Summer 2025 the best one yet! In early June, pick up your Flat Jesus from church and make sure to take him with you everywhere you go! He loves international travel, the beach, dance tournaments, trips to the ice-cream store. Send your pictures to the church office ([office@clintonpresbyterian.net](mailto:office@clintonpresbyterian.net)) and we'll keep you updated on all his adventures online!

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## Easter People Sermon Series

This sermon series highlights some of the characters that pop up after the resurrection of Jesus. These “Easter people,” from the famous to the barely-mentioned, show us how ordinary people responded to Christ’s new life, and encourages us to imagine how we can do the same.

**April 27-May 25**



## CHAOS Gathering May 4

This evening we’re taking time to recognize the women who’ve helped shape us—whether moms, mentors, or friends who feel like family. Come ready for good conversation and a little creativity! Meet us in the Wolverton Building > MS: 5:30–6:30 / HS: 7:00–8:00



## Sunday Funday May 4 @ 11:30

We’ll be celebrating the amazing women who care for us, cheer us on, and make us feel loved. Shhh... we’re also working on something special, but it’s a surprise! Meet us in Fellowship Hall right after Sunday School!

## Pedals for Progress – May 10

We are looking forward to hosting another Pedals for Progress event on Saturday May 10, from 9am- noon 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.

Since 1991 Pedals for Progress have collected over 170,033 bicycles and 6,808 sewing machines. To learn more about P4P visit [www.p4p.org](http://www.p4p.org). Please spread the word!



**P4P @ CPC!!!**

## Lemonade on the Lawn

Beginning on Memorial Day weekend, we’re taking our fellowship time outside! Cookies, lemonade, watermelon and warm sunshine. It’s a recipe for success! Want to host one week? Sign up for your spot here!

**Sign Up**



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## Just Love: A Biblical Hermeneutic One Pastor's Journey - May 18 at 10:40am

### JUST LOVE

A Biblical Hermeneutic:  
One Pastor's Journey

Pastor Tracey invites you to join her for a conversation about some of the Bible's toughest passages—those that have often been used to exclude LGBTQ+ people. She'll share her own journey of moving from a place of confusion and judgment to one of love, inclusion, and deeper understanding. This isn't about finding all the answers, but about exploring together how we can approach scripture with compassion. Whether you've struggled with these texts yourself or are just curious, this conversation is an invitation to reflect, ask questions, and discover new perspectives—together.

## 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 - scan the QR Code or [click here](#) to reserve yours!**

## Sunday School Teacher Appreciation May 18

We're giving a big shout-out to our incredible Sunday School teachers during worship! These amazing volunteers pour so much love, energy, and passion into guiding our kids in faith and we want to say THANK YOU!

PS - would you love to be a part of Sunday School Teacher Appreciation next year? We are now accepting applications for Sunday school teachers in the fall. Email Vania - [vstevenson@clintonpresbyterian.net](mailto:vstevenson@clintonpresbyterian.net)!

The Worship & Music Ministry of  
Clinton Presbyterian Church presents

*A  
Life  
in Song*

PERFORMING ARTIST MARI GREEN  
ACCOMPANIED BY TED BRANCATO

**SUNDAY MAY 18TH @ 4:00PM**

 **SCAN HERE**

**Tickets**  
\$20 at the door \$15 in advance  
Admission is FREE for children and students  
Email [office@clintonpresbyterian.net](mailto:office@clintonpresbyterian.net)  
for more information

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*We appreciate  
all that you do*



# MAY



## Great Discussions - May 15

### The Gospel Truth: Can Faith Really Buy You a Mansion and a Ferrari?

In some circles, faith is seen as a ticket to wealth, health, and success—ideas central to the prosperity gospel. This teaching, which rose to prominence in the late 20th century, claims that faith can lead to material blessings like wealth and perfect health. But is that what the gospel truly offers? In this discussion, we'll examine the rise of the prosperity gospel, its roots, and its impact, while also exploring how the message of Jesus invites us into a deeper, more authentic faith.



## CHAOS Youth Firepit Night May 18 - 5th graders welcome!

Join us in Pastor Tracey's backyard for a relaxed evening around the fire pit—s'mores included!

> Middle Schoolers, we'll see you from 5:30-6:30. A special welcome to all 5th graders—you're officially invited to come see what CHAOS is all about!

> High Schoolers meet from 7:00-8:00.

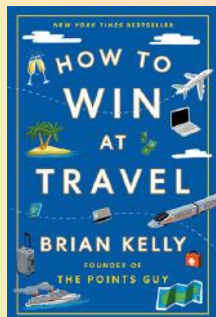


## Outdoor Worship

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!



**May 22nd: Any  
novel by Marie  
Benedict**



**June 19<sup>th</sup>: A book  
about a place you  
would like to visit**

# Book Club

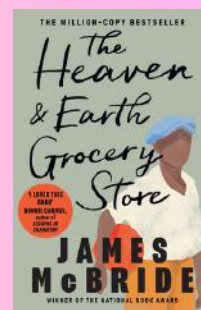
We have such a good time discussing books and sharing life. Come join us in Room 4 at 7:00.

One change of venue during a summer month is that we will be meeting in Val Boyer's beautiful garden.

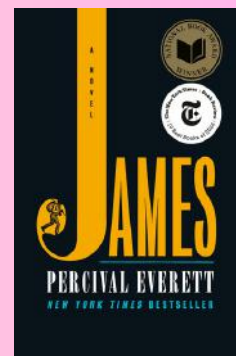
Any questions? Reach out to Adrienne Hodulik - [hoduliks@comcast.net](mailto:hoduliks@comcast.net)



**August: TBD!**



**July: The Heaven and  
Earth Grocery Store by  
James Mc Bride**



**September: James  
by Percival Everett**



## No Weekly Commitments, Just Great Music!



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!



# Summer Choir

# JUNE

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## Sunday Funday Picnic June 1

Pack a light lunch or snacks for a picnic in the park! We'll reflect over the last year spent together while enjoying the spring weather! Meet Vania in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 then we'll take off for the park!

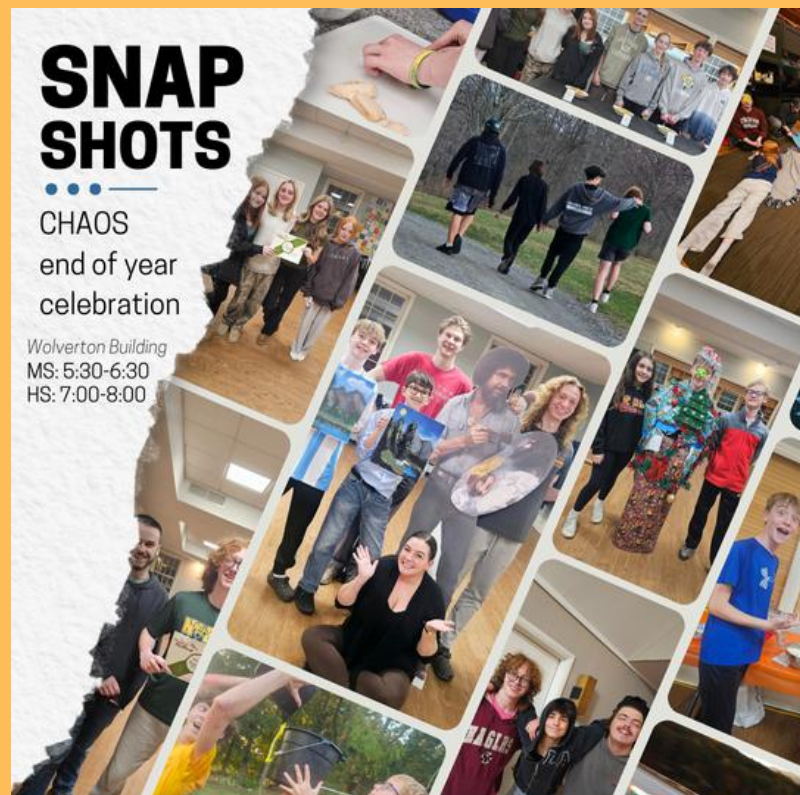


## June 1 - CHAOS - "Snapshots" End of Year Celebration

This will be a night to look back on the moments that made this year meaningful. Through fun activities and shared stories, we'll reflect, laugh, and celebrate how far we've come together.

Meet us in Wolverton!

MS: 5:30-6:30 / HS: 7:00-8:00





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## JUST LOVE

Getting to Know All  
God's Children



## Just Love: Getting to Know All God's Children June 5-7pm

Language can be one of the biggest barriers to fully welcoming LGBTQ+ people into our faith communities. Join us for a conversation about the terms and concepts that can sometimes feel confusing or unfamiliar. We'll explore the language around gender identity, sexual orientation, and expression, and reflect on how our understanding—and our language—can shape the way we welcome others. This isn't about getting everything right, but about being willing to learn, ask questions - let's grow together! this conversation will be facilitated by Colleen Duerr and Zan Struebing

## Pentecost Celebration and All Church Picnic June 8 - Lets Celebrate!



What better way to say "Happy Birthday, Church!" than with a BIG celebration? This Pentecost Sunday, we'll kick things off with outdoor worship, featuring Ted and his talented jazz musician friends leading us in song. Afterward, we'll feast together, celebrating not just the birthday of the Church, but also the amazing success of our Capital Campaign. Enjoy delicious food from Lebanon Pub, and don't miss our FREE raffle with incredible prizes from local businesses. And yes, there's a bounce house for the kids (and the kids at heart)! It's going to be a day filled with joy, community, and celebration—bring your family, friends, and your best party spirit! This is one event you won't want to miss! See you there! (RSVP appreciated)



**If you are still making summer plans for your kid/tween/teen, why not check out the options Camp Johnsonburg.**

**Not 45 minutes away from Clinton, this is a special place, a world apart, for kids to flourish. See their full schedule of available camps by clicking below!**

**CLICK HERE**

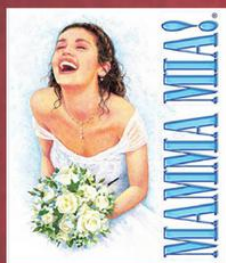
## Camp Johnsonburg

12 kids and teens from CPC are already signed up to enjoy a faith-filled and fun-packed week at Camp Johnsonburg this summer! On June 27, we'll bless them as they prepare for this exciting experience.

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## JULY SERMON SERIES 2025



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JULY 20  
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JULY 27  
INTO THE WOODS



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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! Have a friend who loves theatre? This is the perfect opportunity to invite them to experience something special at CPC. See you there!

## Sight and Sound July 16 - 3pm show

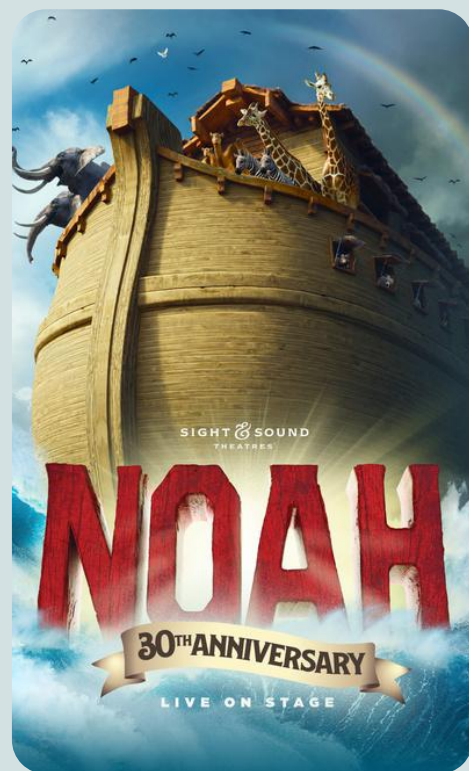


We're heading for Lancaster, PA, to catch Sight and Sounds' Production of Noah.

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. RSVP.

If you are not able to make this date but would still like to see this performance, check out the Sight and Sound calendar here:

[CLICK HERE](#)





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**REGISTER/VOLUNTEER**



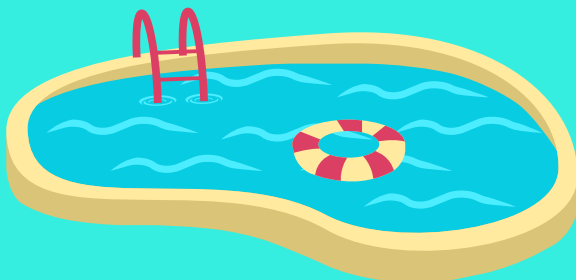
## **Vacation Bible School** **July 21 — July 25, 2025** **5:30pm — 8:00pm**

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! We're setting out on a True North adventure, where kids will explore faith, fun, and friendship while discovering how to follow God's direction in their lives. With exciting activities, games, music, and more, it's going to be an amazing week of adventure and learning!

### **Volunteers:**

Of course we can't have an underwater adventure without some guides! IF you would like to volunteer to help lead a crew, oversee activities, lead us in song, or provide a meal, sign up today! Students who are 7th grade and older are also invited to volunteer.



**On Wednesday after VBS, all youth (grades 6-12) are invited to a glow in the dark pool party - snacks included!**



# AUGUST

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**August 3 – For all Sunday School Kids!**  
*following worship*



**August 3 Live Mario Kart for all Sunday School Kids!**



Right after church, get ready for high-energy fun as we bring Mario Kart to life in the church parking lot! Kids will team up, suit up in silly character floaties, and race through a colorful (and wet!) obstacle course! No drivers' licenses required! Don't forget to wear clothes you don't mind getting messy, and bring your game face!

**CHAOS Youth Lake Trip August 10**

After worship, we'll be taking off to Oxford Furnace Lake for a full day of sun, sand, and a swim in the lake! This event is for 6th-12th graders.



## OXFORD FURNACE LAKE

### CHAOS TRIP

## Sunday August 10

**DEPART RIGHT AFTER CHURCH**

**ARRIVE BACK AT CPC: around 6:00pm**

*parents will be notified of our ETA when we leave Mackey's.*

We will be stopping for ice cream at Mackey's Orchard on the way home



**COST**

**\$10 lake entry fee**

**OPTIONAL**

**Cash for Snack Shack**  
(most items are \$6 or below).  
You may also pack a lunch & snacks

Please be sure to wear a **SECURE** bathing suit :)



# AUGUST



## August Sermon Series: The Gospel According to the Masters of Music

Join us on select Sundays in August as we dive into the Good News of the Gospel—through the unexpected lens of iconic music. 🎵🌟

🎸 From “All You Need Is Love” to “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For” and more, we’ll explore how timeless lyrics echo eternal truths. Come sing along, reflect deeply, and discover how God shows up in the most surprising places—even your favorite playlist.

## Summer Supper at the Manse August 13th 6:00pm

Beat the heat and join us for a fun-filled evening at the Manse! David will be grilling up something delicious, and the best part? You don’t need to bring a thing! It’s the perfect way to unwind, enjoy great food, and connect with friends old and new. All ages are welcome to join in the fun! Please RSVP so we can save you a seat at the table!



## Blessing of the Backpacks August 24



As summer winds down, we’re kicking off the school year with a special tradition of Blessing of the backpacks. We invite all students to bring their backpacks to church for a heartwarming blessing. Together, we’ll pray for our amazing students, their families, and everyone who makes their school days run smoothly—teachers, bus drivers, crossing guards, administrators, and more. Let’s send them off with prayers for joy, safety, and a year full of growth and learning! Come be part of this exciting celebration as we gather in faith and hope for the school year ahead!

# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

## Grow-a-Row August 21

We'll volunteer with Grow-a-Row to help harvest crops and fight hunger. All ages are welcome. This is a great way to give back.



**Join CPC on  
August 21st  
5:30pm-7:30pm  
to help harvest crops!**



**America's Grow-a-Row is on a mission to positively impact as many lives as possible through a volunteer effort of planting, picking, rescuing, and delivering free fresh produce.**



## Our Joy Scouts help lead the way in service!

This group, made up mostly of elementary-aged kids and younger, can be found lending a hand at food pantries, nursing homes, cat sanctuaries, and more. This summer, keep an eye out for opportunities to serve alongside them—it's a beautiful way to make a difference together!



# SEPTEMBER

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## KICK OFF BREAKFAST

The first Sunday after Labor Day is like a family reunion at CPC. After a joy-filled worship service, we'll get together for a potluck breakfast to catch up and swap summer stories. Don't miss it! Start thinking about what you might want to bring and watch for a sign up in July!



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## FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Class is back in session for all ages starting September 14. Watch for more details on how to register kids as the date gets closer.

### SUNDAY FUNDAY KICK OFF

Calling all 4th & 5th graders! Join us in Fellowship Hall from 11:30-12:30 to kick off the Sunday Funday year!



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## ALL CHURCH DAY OF SERVICE

Roll up your sleeves, grab your tools (or your biggest smile), and join us after church as put our faith into action. Our All Church Day of Service is all about coming together to share our God-given talents and sprinkle a little kindness around the neighborhood. From weeding and cleaning to fixing to feeding—there's something for everyone. Let's bless our neighbors, build some memories, and have a whole lot of fun doing it.

***(No Sunday School classes on this date - we are putting everyone to work!)***

## Stay Connected!

Stay up to date with all the latest news and happenings at CPC by subscribing to our email list. You will receive a weekly email each Sunday morning with announcements and information about weekly worship and also links to our bi-monthly newsletter. If you are not already subscribed, email us today to get on the list! [office@clintonpresbyterian.net](mailto:office@clintonpresbyterian.net)





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Dick Farrell(L)

Adrienne Hodulik(D)

Spencer Holmsborg(E,F,W)

Leslie Hyman (I,J,K)

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Wendy Morrisette(A,C,N,O)

Barbara Pearson(Ba-Bi)

Ellen Piccolo(M)

Jim Pustai(S)

The letters next to deacon names indicate which members of the congregation are part of their flock. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your deacon at any time.

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