

PROGRAM GUIDE

CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Winter & Lent 2025



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Welcoming to All Growing in Faith Serving with Love.

Dear Friends,

As we move into the winter season, you are warmly invited to join us in experiencing the warmth of community, worship, and spiritual growth. Whether you're new to our church or a long-time member, we are so glad you're here!

Our winter programs offer something for everyone—engaging Bible studies, inspiring worship services, and opportunities to grow in faith and connect with one another. We are committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming church where each person can find encouragement, and experience God's love in meaningful ways. It's exciting to think about what God has in store for us!


I look forward to walking with you as we journey on together.

Peace to you,

Tracey

Rev. Dr. Tracey C. Henry
Pastor



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

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.

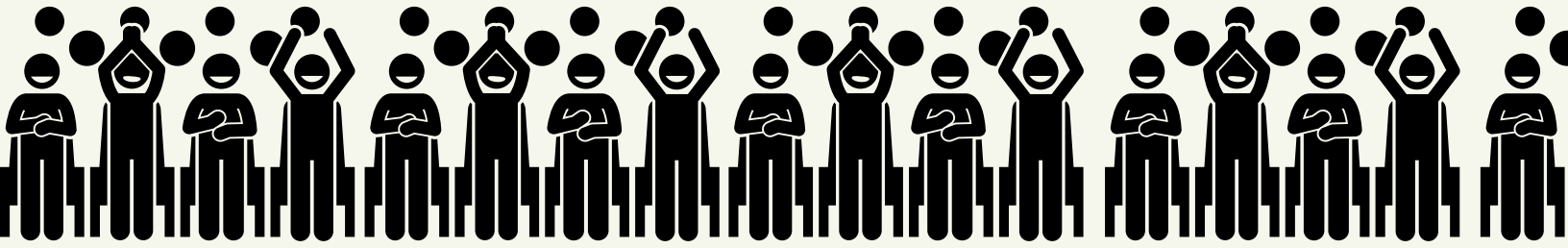
Please contact [Ali](#) in the church office and she will get you connected!

Noisy Offering

On the first Sunday of each month we receive our Noisy Offering, where kids get to make a joyful noise (and a little clatter) with their coins! Bring your spare change to church and drop it in the bucket. This is a wonderful way for our kids to be involved in giving and make a big impact, one coin at a time.



MUSIC MINISTRY



Praise Team

The Praise Team leads us in contemporary worship music. They rehearse on Saturday mornings, usually around 10am. Rehearsals resume January 4th and continue throughout the year. Singers and musicians are always invited to join this team and use their gifts to praise God.

Chancel Choir

The chancel choir sings approximately twice a month during our worship services. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm, resuming on January 8th.

The choir performs a variety of musical styles including classical, gospel, and modern. The ability to read music is helpful, though not required. You do not have to be a member of CPC to join the chancel choir and no audition is necessary. Please join us as we seek to glorify God through music!

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will present a musical offering during Lent. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 6pm and are led by our bell choir expert, Jared Miner. Bell Choir is open to people over the age of 8, as long as they can count! No musical knowledge is required.

Children's Chorus

At CPC, our Children's Chorus offers songs throughout the year. All kids from Preschool through 5th grade are welcome to join. Rehearsals are scheduled on an as-needed basis and are usually held on Sundays immediately after church service. Our Children's Chorus will lead us on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are encouraged to share their musical gifts throughout the year!

Please let Ted (tbrancato@clintonpresbyterian.net) know how and when you would like to participate.

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

Kids' Sunday School

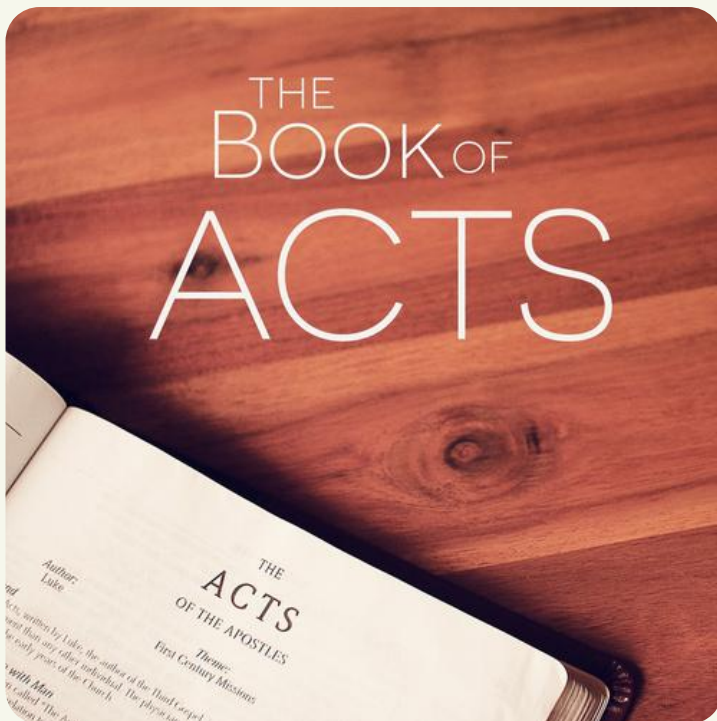
Meet Vania in Fellowship Hall at 10:45 to head up to your meeting spaces. Together, we'll grow in our faith and learn about the love of Jesus through stories, games, crafts, and various fun activities! Parents are always welcome in the classroom, to help or to lead!

-  3 & 4 year olds - Room 1 (Nursery)
-  Kindergarten & 1st grade - Room 7 (upstairs)
-  2nd & 3rd grade - Room 5 (upstairs)
-  4th & 5th grade - Room 6 (upstairs)
-  6th-8th grade - Wolverton Building

Parent pick up is at 11:30am from the classrooms!



*No Sunday School -
December 29 and April 27*



Adult Sunday School - Meet in the Den

This Winter we will continue to explore the Book of Acts, which chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history: the coming of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the early church, the scattering of Jesus's disciples across the known world, and more. Come and grow with us - come and go as you are able.

JANUARY SERMON SERIES



Join us this January as we kick off our "Reset" sermon series. As we step into 2024, it's the perfect time to refresh your spirit, reset your priorities, and start anew. Whether you're seeking spiritual renewal, purpose, or a fresh perspective, this series is for you!

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Reset Direction

We'll journey with the Magi who discovered they needed to return home by another path. As we mark Epiphany we will also receive a star word to guide our journey in 2024. Each word serves as a reminder of God's presence and direction in your life. Keep your word close, reflect on it throughout the year, and allow it to shape your prayers, thoughts, and actions as you grow in faith.

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Reset Identity

Reflecting on the powerful moment of Jesus's baptism we'll remember together our God-given identity and how it informs our daily life.

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Reset Expectations

When things don't go according to plan, what do we do next? In this sermon, we'll explore the story of the Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11) and ask this important question about revised expectations.

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**Camp
JBurg
Sunday!**

We are excited to welcome friends from Camp Johnsonburg to lead our worship service! Expect an energetic service that will give us all an opportunity to learn more about the amazing programs Johnsonburg offers for all ages.

FEBRUARY

February Sermon Series: Gifts that Keep on Giving

The holiday season might be in the rearview mirror but God still has gifts to offer to us. Throughout the month of February we'll discover how the gifts of love, worship and enemies (yes really!) can transform our lives and impact others throughout the year.



Scout Sunday - February 9th

On February 9th Scout Troop 121 will join us in worship. We'll hear from the Scoutmaster and Scouts and will also help to lead various parts of the service. We have been sponsoring Troop 121 for 59 years and look forward to their presence with us.

Super Bowl of Caring - February 9th

On Super Bowl Sunday (February 9) we will be collecting money and cans of soup. Our kids will be donating all cans and money to the Flemington Area Food Pantry. They'll be collecting your donations in giant soup pots as you leave the sanctuary -help them fill their pots of the brim.

To make things even more interesting, we are dividing the congregation into two teams. Last names A thru L will be the AFC Team and last names M thru Z will be the NFC Team! Let's see who can bring in the most donations - and may the best team win!

To read more about the Souper Bowl of Caring, visit www.tacklehunger.org. Don't forget to wear the jersey of your favorite team to the worship service. Thank you!



ADULT STUDIES AND MORE

CPC Book Club



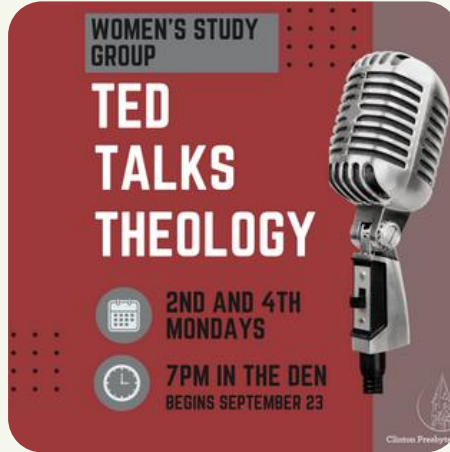
January 16th - I Shall Not Hate by Izzeldin Abuelaish

Discussion led by Judy Moller

February 20th - The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan

Discussion led by Adrienne Hodulik

Meetings will be held in The Den at 7pm unless decided otherwise.



Women's Evening Group
2nd and 4th Mondays at 7pm

We'll watch or listen to a popular Ted Talk and follow this with a discussion geared towards making connections between the content of the Ted Talk and our lives as Christians.

January 13 - Brain Stevenson - We Need to Talk about an Injustice

27 - Tom Honey - Why would God create a tsunami?

Feb 10 Judson Brewer - A Simple Way to Break a Bad Habit

Great Discussions - Faith, Life, and Today's Big Topics 6-730pm

Join us for thought-provoking discussions on the important issues shaping our world today. From AI and its impact on faith, to recycling, social justice, and how to live out your values in the modern world, we'll explore a variety of topics that matter. These conversations will inspire deeper reflection, challenge perspectives, and offer fresh insights into how we navigate our faith in today's rapidly changing world. This dinner and conversation group is open to everyone - Come with your questions, ideas, and an open heart as we grow together!

January 16th

Topic: The truth about plastics and recycling

February 20th

Topic: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Just Love at CPC

January 5th



March 20th

Topic: A.I.



The Welcoming and Inclusion Task Force is dedicated to fostering a church environment that is inclusive and welcoming to all. As a committee we are committed to intentionally extending full welcome to members of the LGBTQ+ community. To further this work, we invite you to join us for a discussion opportunity on **Sunday January 5 at 1040am**. This will be a time to share your questions, concerns, hopes and ideas with members of the committee as all voices matter. We look forward to walking alongside one another as we learn, grow, and demonstrate our shared commitment to Just Love.

CPC KIDS AND YOUTH



Joy Scouts

This service group, especially geared towards grade school children finds opportunities every month to love and serve our community. Keep your eyes peeled for events at Tabby's Place, the Flemington Area Food Pantry, Hunterdon Care Center and more in the winter months. Keep an eye on the weekly announcements to learn of specific dates and times.

Sunday Funday

Sunday Fundays are special days just for 4th & 5th graders with a "youth group" feel. We meet the first Sunday of each month from 11:30-12:30 for fellowship, fun, & faith-based activities!



Minute to Win it New Year's Challenge - You'll have one minute to complete hilarious and fun tasks using everyday items. Can you beat the clock and win the challenge? There will be plenty of laughs, surprises, and a chance to show off your skills! Come join the fun, bring your friends, and see who can take home the title of Minute to Win It Champion!



We'll be working together to make some goodies that will be shared at the Church Game night!

Come on back to CPC @ 5pm to join in with the game night fun!



Prayer Walk - It's time for a mini field trip! Together, we will take a walk downtown and lift up this beautiful town in prayer! We'll stop at key locations such as the fire department, police department, school, and other various places.

Children's Sunday - March 2nd



Come celebrate Children's Sunday with us, a special day where our young ones lead the way! You can be sure that this will be a lively and joy-filled celebration and it's the perfect time to invite neighbors and friends to join you in the pews.

CPC YOUTH

Chaos


Chaos is our Youth Ministry programming that happens outside of the "normal" Sunday School hours. We meet on the **1st & 3rd Sundays** of the month for fun, friends, food, and of course, Jesus!. Middle Schoolers gather from 5:30 - 6:30pm and High Schoolers from 7:00 - 8:00pm.



January 5

MS & HS: A new year is here and together we will be reflecting on what God has done in our lives over the past year.

February 15-16

HS- 'Share the Love' Lock-In 

Calling all high schoolers! Join us for an all-night experience of fun and faith, while making a difference. Together, we'll spread kindness through meaningful service projects, play some awesome games, and create unforgettable memories! Dinner will be provided. Before breakfast on Sunday morning we'll take a stroll down to Citispot for coffee! Starts on Saturday at 6pm, pick-up is Sunday at 9am.

January 17-18

MS - Bob Ross Lock-In



Get ready for an unforgettable night, middle schoolers! Our Bob Ross Lock-In is here, and it's going to be an evening full of creativity, laughter, and painting "happy little trees." We'll spend the night channeling our inner artists! Plus, there will be plenty of snacks, games, and surprises along the way. See you there—bring your best brush strokes! Starts Friday night at 6pm. Pick up on Saturday at 9am. Dinner and Breakfast provided!

January 19 

HS - Movie Night

Join us for a chill evening with a movie, unlimited popcorn, and plenty of laughs. We're meeting in the Wolverton building - come comfy and bring your own cozy blanket!

February 16 

MS - Movie Night

Get ready for an awesome night of fun, friends, and a great movie! There'll be popcorn, drinks, and plenty of snacks to enjoy as we watch a movie together. It's the perfect chance to unwind, hang out with old friends, and meet some new ones!

For any questions about Children & Youth Ministry, please contact Vania Stevenson! vstevenson@clintonpresbyterian.net

FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP GAME NIGHT

FEB 2 @ 5PM

Get ready for a night of food, fun, and fellowship! Join us for our All-Age Church Dinner and Game Night where everyone can enjoy a delicious meal and exciting games! It's the perfect chance to connect with old friends and make new ones, all while having a blast! Come hungry, bring your game face, and let's make memories together.

PS - yes we have already checked - no football games are scheduled for this night - your calendar is clear!

RSVP

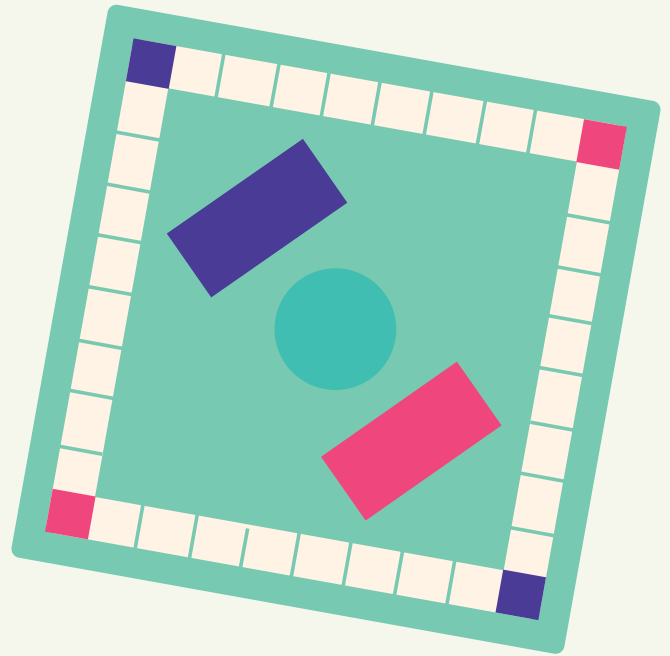
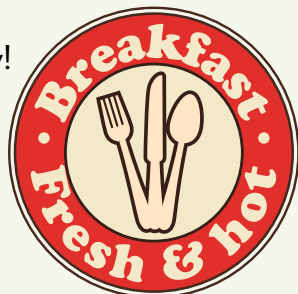


MEN'S BREAKFAST

MARCH 1 AT 8AM

Start your day off right with good food and even better company! All men are invited.

RSVP



Mardi Gras March 4th

6-7:30pm

Our Pancake supper is BACK!! Before the season of Lent begins we'll fill our bellies and our souls! Lively new-orleans inspired music will add a touch of jazz to the evening and we'll also have fun activities for the little ones to enjoy while the whole family gathers for great food and even better company.

RSVP



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

MARCH 29TH AT 6PM

Spend the evening with friends enjoying delicious food and delightful conversation! We'll meet in one home for appetizers, travel to various homes for dinner then come back together again for dessert. Don't miss it. (Childcare available upon request.)

RSVP

MISSION

Fighting Hunger with a Soup Cook Off

Each year the Rotary Clubs of Hunterdon County Rotary host a Soup Cook-Off a community awareness project. The proceeds of this event, totaling nearly \$10,000 annually, are donated to food pantries in Hunterdon County to fight hunger in Hunterdon. in 2024 CPC had a number of satisfied diners at the event and this year we are hoping to enter an award winning soup! Think you have the just the right recipe? [Drop us a line](#) and let's get the conversation started!



Crafting at Anderson House

Did you know that each month a team of dedicated volunteers host a craft night at Anderson House? Anderson House is a residential program for women recovering from alcoholism and drug addiction who are at high risk for relapse. While at Anderson House all the aspects of the disease of addiction will be treated - physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual. Having the chance to develop relationships with these women and accompany them on their healing journey is such a blessing. Contact Ali in the church office if you would like to get involved.



Opportunities for Service

We are always keeping our eyes and ears open for ways that we can love and serve our community by offering both our financial resources and our time. From disaster relief trips to all church days of service and to quiet acts of kindness, we are seeking to make a difference as we put our faith into action. We currently supporting more than 10 organizations at various levels and as specific opportunities for service arise we will share details in weekly worship, the newsletter and our social media channels.

LENT @ CPC

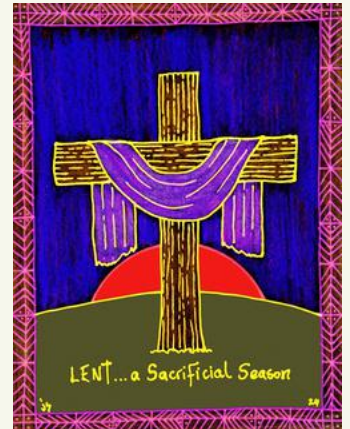


Ash Wednesday - March 5th

Join us for a Taizé service this Ash Wednesday. The peaceful, meditative style of Taizé, with its simple chants and candlelit atmosphere, will guide us into the season of Lent with hearts open to God's grace. As we receive the ashes, let us begin this journey of repentance and renewal together, grounding ourselves in the stillness and peace of God's presence.

Lenten Sermon Series: Walking the Hard Road

As we walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross, we'll reflect on the challenges he faced and the deep love that carried him through. In this series, we'll explore how Jesus' path invites us to confront our own struggles with courage, hope, and faith.



Lenten Small Groups - A Season of Growth and Reflection

This Lent, deepen your faith and connect with others through our Lenten Small Groups! These groups will provide a space for meaningful discussion, prayer, and reflection as we journey together through the season. Whether you're new to the church or a long-time member, these groups are for you! Groups will meet once a week for 4-5 weeks. More details coming soon.

Holy Week 2025

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13th
9:30am Worship



*featuring our Chancel Choir, Praise Team & Children's Chorus

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 17th
6:00pm



Soup & Service with communion

Good Friday
Friday, April 18th



10:00am Children's Gathering
7:00pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 20th
9:30am Worship



*featuring our Chancel Choir, Praise Team & Brass

LENT for CHILDREN & YOUTH @ CPC



Sunday Funday

APRIL 6 11:30-12:30

Join us for Easter Games!

March 2



MS & HS: Prayer Stations

As we prepare to enter the contemplative season of Lent, we'll be having a meaningful evening as we walk through prayer stations to help us step away and sink ourselves into a time of meditation and introspection.



March 16

MS & HS: Chopped Challenge

It's time to put your culinary skills to the test! Everyone will be challenged to create a delicious dish using mystery ingredients. Parents will be the judges at pick-up!

APRIL 6

MS & HS (combined) 6:00-8:00pm

Come discover Jesus in a whole new way! On the night before He was arrested, Jesus celebrated the Passover Seder with His disciples and we'll be doing the same. This will be a ceremonious & solemn meal honoring the beautiful tradition of Passover.

March 28-30

MS & HS: Spring Youth Retreat at Jburg

"I kinda don't do guilt. I gave it up for Lent years ago."

-Greg Boyle

OUR CHURCH IN MINISTRY

Did you know that our Ministry Teams meet monthly? If you are interested in joining any of our teams, please reach out and let us know!

Mission	1st Tues
Children's	2nd Tues
Youth	TBD
Operations	2nd Tues
Worship	2nd Tues
Fellowship	2nd Tues
Session	Third Tuesday @ 7pm
Deacons	Third Mon 7pm

ELDERS

Amey Barnes
 Larry Boyd
 Colleen Duerr
 Dave Kelly
 Tina Little
 Emmaline Morano
 Paul Morrisette
 Caleb Schlegel
 Judi Sifuentes
 Jake Treese
 Megan Verderamo
 Linda Schipmann-Pustai
(Clerk of Session)

DEACONS

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 Adrienne Hodulik(D)
 Robin Carver(P)
 Abby Dougherty(G,H)
 Dick Farrell(L)
 Spencer Holmsborg(E,F,W)
 Lee Longell(Q,R,T)
 Leslie Hyman(I,J,K)
 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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COMMUNITY GROUPS @ CPC

CPC is a hub of activity all week long with a variety of community groups using our newly renovated spaces. What a gift to be able to use our space to serve community need.

Boy Scouts

CPC sponsors Boy Scout Troop 121, and we have been since 1966!

Meetings are on Monday nights @ 7pm. To learn more, contact the church office and we will put you in touch with the scout master.
office@clintonpresbyterian.net



CPC Preschool

Are you looking for a wonderful, warm, welcoming program for your 3 or 4 year old?

Take a look at <https://www.clintonpresbyterian.net/our-day>

Visit our website to see photos and pricing!

Recovery Support



CPC is pleased to serve as a gathering place for a number of Recovery Groups. AA and Al-Anon meet at the church on Monday nights from 8:00-9:00pm. There is also an AA meeting Friday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. If you or someone you love could benefit from the care and support of these groups please feel free to contact Pastor Tracey if you would like a more direct connection.



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Senior Exercise Classes

The Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services proudly offers 2 exercise classes at CPC! Tuesdays and Thursday at 1pm, join Ana for gentle chair yoga or a strength and balance class in Fellowship Hall. We are so proud to serve as a hub for health and wellness for our senior community.



Pink Pony Club

Calling all teens and tweens to meet on a Saturday in Fellowship Hall at CPC! Specific dates will be announced soon so check our socials and weekly announcements for more info to come.

ALL are welcome!