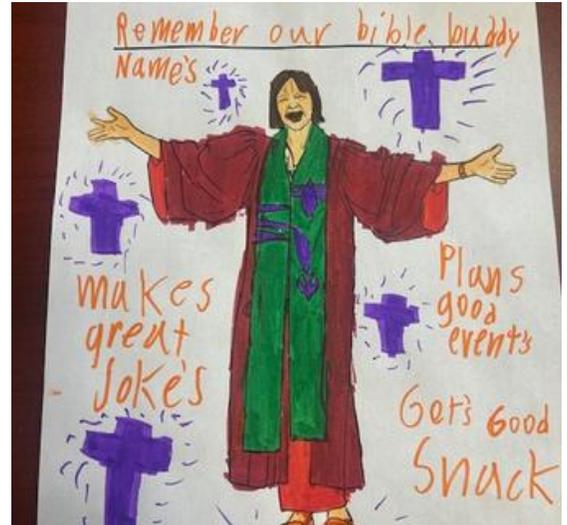


Clinton Presbyterian Church



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

As I look back over these fall months at CPC, I'm filled with gratitude for the many ways God's Spirit has been at work among us. Our worship life has been especially rich this season – full pews, a beautiful variety of voices leading us in song, the joy of welcoming new members into our church family, and even a visit from local potter Stuart Solewater.

We've shared in moments of deep meaning and joyful connection – from celebrating baptisms (with more to come in the next few weeks!) to joining together for the Clinton Day of Service, offering our hands in care for our neighbors. It has been full and beautiful.

Your kind words and generous gifts in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month were truly appreciated. To borrow the words of the psalmist, "The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places." In that same spirit of appreciation, I thank you again for the privilege of being your pastor. I am thankful for your faithfulness, your generosity, and the many ways you make this church a place of warmth, hope, and belonging.

As we move into this season of giving thanks, may we pause to notice the abundance that surrounds us – in worship, in service, and in one another. I look forward to continuing the journey with you through these November days and into the holy season of Advent and Christmas, as we once again welcome the light of Christ into our hearts and our lives.

In Christ,

Tracy



STEWARDSHIP 26 - TOGETHER WE GROW - CELEBRATING GENEROSITY!

We're thrilled to share some wonderful progress in our Together We Grow stewardship campaign! To date, just over 50% of our households have submitted a pledge for the coming year. Even more exciting: many of you have increased your pledge amounts, and several families and individuals have made a financial pledge for the very first time - thank you!

These commitments make a real difference, allowing us to fund ministries, support programs, and ensure that our church continues to thrive. Every pledge—no matter the size—is vital to our shared life and reflects God's love in meaningful, tangible ways.

There's still time to participate! You can [pledge online](#) or return your [pledge card](#) to the church office, and every gift helps move us closer to our shared goal of ministry and mission which is fully funded. [Check out our narrative budget](#) to be reminded of the good story that God is writing here.

For those who are not able to make a financial pledge this year, we'd still love for you to return a pledge card and let us know that you'll be supporting our ministry in prayer.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your willingness to grow together.



BAPTISMS!

So far this fall, we've celebrated three happy baptisms – each one a beautiful reminder of God's grace and the growing life of our church family.



TIMOTHY JOHN RICHARDONE



NEO JUSTIN WEHREBERG



EMMA NICOLE GENTRY

new

MEMBERS

LINDA & ED ALLEN

Ed and I have lived in in Hunterdon County for 56 years. We are blessed to have our three daughters, and their families live nearby. We have 1 granddaughter and 5 grandsons. We are excited to be members of this wonderful church.



MICHELE, ANDREW & ELIZABETH KUSSMAUL

My name is Michele Kussmaul and I am joining CPC with my children Andrew and Elizabeth. We live in Bridgewater and have come to enjoy our ride out to Clinton each Sunday. Andrew is a junior and is very interested in composing music. Elizabeth is a sophomore and is involved in sports, specifically softball. We just welcomed a new member into our family in June as Andrew and Elizabeth's brother, Kevin, had a baby boy Miles. We are happy to worship with our new family at Clinton Presbyterian.



MATTHEW & SARAH MOLLE

We moved to Clinton back in 2022 from Florida and are excited to be a part of CPC and the community. Our older daughter, Adriana, attends CPS and our youngest daughter, Isabella, will start daycare this fall at the Goddard school down the street. We love to spend time as a family especially enjoying outdoor activities and exploring new areas. Thank you for welcoming all of us.



new

MEMBERS

ANA REYZIK DE SOUZA & MICHAEL BRAGA

My name is Ana Reyzik and I recently joined Clinton Presbyterian Church with my boyfriend Michael. I enjoy creating resin art, cooking and sharing moments with my family. We are grateful to be part of this loving community and look forward to growing in faith together.



MARIA & GEORGE RUSULOJ

We're the Rusulojs - George, Maria, Ryan, and Mila, and we moved to the area in 2020. George works in law enforcement, while Maria is home with the kids enjoying baking and reading. As a family, we enjoy hiking, kayaking, playing board games, and spending time with family and friends. We are excited to join CPC and look forward to growing in faith and making new friends here.

LEANN & AUSTIN SHEAF

We are so excited to be joining CPC! We've been married for a year and are looking forward to welcoming our first baby this coming March. Austin owns a lawn care business in Flemington, NJ, and we're both eager to grow in faith and community here at CPC.



KATHERINE STEPHENS

My name is Katherine Stephens, and I live in Flemington, NJ with my husband, Gabe, and our 2 year old daughter Della. I work as scientist substantiating skin health product claims and my husband is a school administrator. We enjoy exploring Hunterdon county, checking out local coffee shops and taking little hikes as a family.

WORSHIP

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



It was a hot fall afternoon, but that didn't stop our furry (and scaly!) friends from showing up for the Blessing of the Animals. Our three new goat friends (Pepper, Ginger & Chutney) did a little landscaping work for us while waiting to be blessed and Pastor Tracey's courage was tested when Billy asked her to hold and bless Neo - the lizard! Many thanks to Tom and Bill for the wonderful music that added so much to the afternoon!



WORSHIP

YOUTH SUNDAY

What a beautiful Youth Sunday we had this year! Our teens didn't just lead worship, they crafted the entire service from start to finish, writing prayers, reflections, and liturgy straight from their hearts. We also had the joy of introducing this year's Confirmation students and their incredible mentors! We're so grateful for the ways our young people remind us that God is at work in every generation.



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

On November 23rd, join us for a joyful service of Thanksgiving. There will be plenty of music and an opportunity to lift up your own words of thanksgiving.



MUSIC

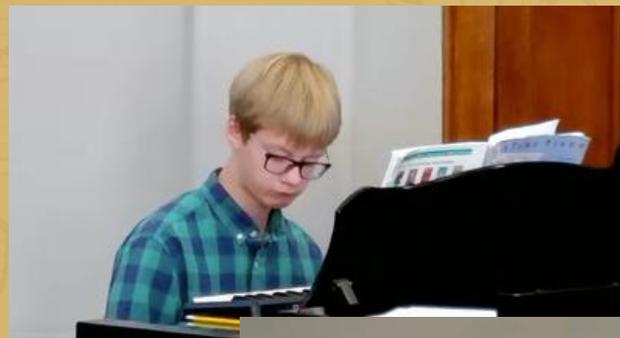
September 7

We kicked off September with a spirit of inspiration! The prelude was beautifully played by **August Dougherty**, who offered "Ash Grove" on piano. **Ted Brancato** shared one of his own originals, "Keep Your Head Up," during communion – a song born from his walks along the Landsdown Trail.



September 14

A musical double-feature from our talented flutists, **Amey Barnes and Abby Dougherty**, who opened the service with "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" and closed the service with "Duetto No. VI, Opus 101" by Haydn. **The Chancel Choir** returned for their first song of the season after a well-earned Summer break singing "The Potter's Hand," accompanied by an actual potter, Stuart Solewater, shaping bowls as they sang – a truly moving visual of creation in progress!



September 21

Adam Dougherty set the tone of this service with a piano prelude, a song titled "Feelings." During worship, the congregation sang "Jesus Loves Me" in celebration of Timothy John Richardone's baptism – a joyful and heartfelt moment. Then, as only she can, **Julie Baldassare** delivered a stunning version of "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)."



MUSIC

September 28

We welcomed 10 new members to CPC with “Draw the Circle,” sung by both choir and congregation. **Tom Fuller** shared his original song, “I Wanted Heaven Here On Earth,” and then teamed up with **Laura McGarry and Shelley Brankner** for a foot-tapping “Build Your Kingdom Here” by the Rend Collective.



October 5

A special Sunday for sure – The prelude featured the adorable ensemble of **Emmett and Marin Dougherty and Will and Margot McGarry**, singing “Down to the River to Pray” with their mom **Laura**, along with **Tom Fuller and Ted Brancato**. The cuteness level was off the charts.

Pastor Tracey and Kevin Thompson’s favorite anthem, “Praise His Holy Name,” filled the sanctuary, with the congregation joining in (and yes, clapping on 2 and 4!).



October 12

Bill Anthony Jr. offered a gentle and reflective “The River Is Wide” on acoustic guitar for the prelude. We celebrated the baptism of Emma Nicole Gentry, welcomed in song by the **Praise Team** with “I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry.” For the offertory, **Kara Hasko** made her CPC debut with a beautiful rendition of “Come to the Water” by John Foley – what a way to start!



MUSIC

October 19

Guest vocalist **Katie Treese** shared her gifts with a moving version of Lauren Daigle's "Hold On to Me." We also celebrated another baptism — welcome, Neo Justin Wehrenberg! **The Praise Team** led the congregation in "Because He Lives" by the Gaithers, and the **Chancel Choir** offered "Grace" (Mark Hayes' arrangement of "Amazing Grace" to the tune of "The River Is Wide"). Ted reports that the piano part took "a few days of practice," which is musician-speak for "it was really hard."

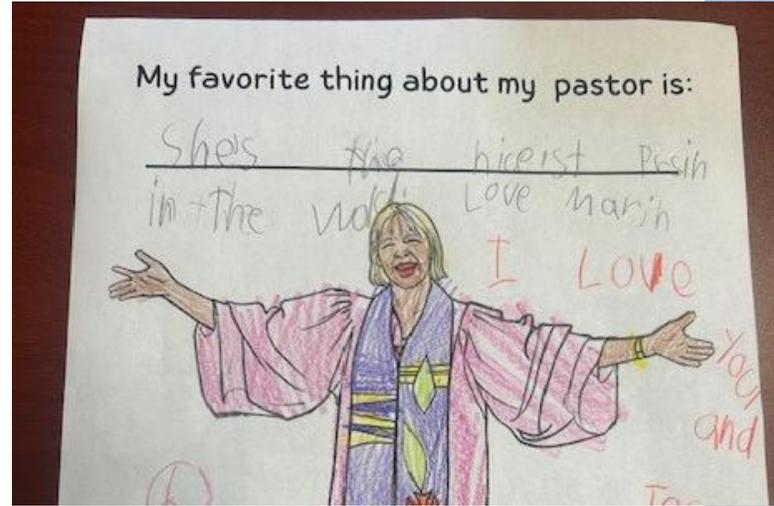


Youth Sunday brought energy and joy! **Aaron Donchevich** sang "Here I Am to Worship," and **Tom Fuller** led the congregation in "God's Not Dead," a new favorite. The service closed with "May We Rise," a hauntingly beautiful Scottish melody arranged by Kiran Young Wimberly & The McGraths, sung by **Julie Baldassare**. **Maddie Morman (violin)** and **Abby Dougherty (flute)** added rich texture and warmth to the song, creating a moment of true beauty and grace. If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir or Praise Team, please come up and say "hello" after a service, or email me at tbrancato@clintonpresbyterian.net. We also welcome instrumentalists! A handful of times a year we have a bell choir which is a group you can play with even if you have no musical experience. Like I've told the congregation, the only prerequisite for bell choir is that you can count to four!



CHILDREN & YOUTH

The kids of CPC appreciate their Pastor for so many reasons! What a great way to show her how much they care - coloring custom coloring pages of her! Tracey was delighted to receive these works of art from so many of our youngest members along with a lovely gift from the congregation. How lucky we are to have her in our lives.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School kids have been having so much fun together! Over the next several weeks, they're learning about the fruits of the spirit! Music and dancing, games, crafts, and creative story-telling, make their Sundays full of joy!



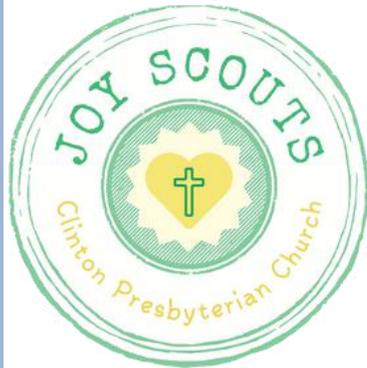
NURSERY

The nursery continues to be a busy place each Sunday! We are so grateful for all the adults who volunteer to spend time with our youngest disciples so that their grownups can enjoy some time in worship to really be present. Reach out to Ali in the office if you'd like to volunteer!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Our 4th & 5th graders had an EPIC beginning of fall! Together, they spent a weekend at Johnsonburg for a retreat! Boating, ziplining, candle making, hikes, campfires, and late-night UNO made for an unforgettable time spent together.

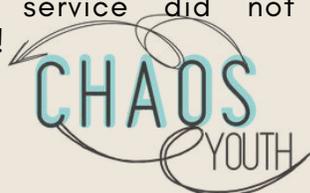


The Joy Scouts continue to shine as they lead the way in service to others. Bingo at Country Arch that includes laughter that spans generations, socializing with therapy dogs and cleaning up our environment are just a few of the examples of how this group gives their time. All ages are welcome and opportunities are posted regularly so check the [CPC Sign Up page](#) often to let us know you are interested!.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Your middle & high schoolers kicked off the fall season with a bang! From dunking Pastor Tracey and Vania in the tank, to messy pie-eating contest, to adding our prayer rocks to the garden, we had an incredible night of fun, faith, and community. Games, laughter, and new memories made it the perfect start to the year! Over the next few weeks our teens spent time in preparation for Youth Sunday- and that service did not disappoint!



CONFIRMATION

This fall, seven of our youth have begun their Confirmation journey! Over the next several months, they'll explore what it means to claim their faith as their own, ask big questions, and discover how God is at work in their lives. Each confirmand is paired with an adult mentor from our congregation who is committed to walking alongside them, listening, encouraging, and helping them see God's presence on the road ahead. Please keep our confirmands and mentors in your prayers as they embark on this meaningful season together! What a beautiful reminder that faith grows best in community!



MIDDLE &
HIGH SCHOOL
RETREATS!

Fall High School Retreat

NOV 21 - 23 • FRI, SAT & SUN

Calling all high schoolers! Our Fall High School Retreat is a great opportunity for youth to delve deeper into their faith, connect with others and learn a little bit about themselves.

Fall Middle School Retreat

DEC 5 - 7 • FRI, SAT & SUN

A wonderful opportunity for youth groups of all sizes to enjoy a retreat together! Jburg leads the large group sessions and activities. Chaperones come to bond with the youth.



Johnsonburg
Camp & Retreat Center
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UPCOMING
YOUTH GROUP
DATES!



November 16 - Friendsgiving Feast
6:00-8:00pm
Fellowship Hall



December 14 - Reindeer Games
CHAOS Christmas Party
6:00-8:00pm
Fellowship Hall

RSVP

ADULTS



On Sunday mornings we are offering two great options for adults to learn and grow together in faith. Both classes have sparked thoughtful conversation – and there’s always room for you! Whether you’ve been coming each week or are thinking about trying something new, you’re warmly invited to jump in any Sunday.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Downstairs in the Den, one group is diving deep into the Book of Acts, exploring the early church’s stories of courage, community, and the Spirit’s surprising work.

LINGERING WITH THE WORD

Upstairs in Fellowship Hall, our Linger with the Word group is reflecting on the scriptures from Sunday worship, sharing insights, questions, and connections that bring the text to life.



WOMEN’S EVENING STUDY



We've really been enjoying our women's evening Bible study on friendship this fall. We've uncovered pearls of wisdom in Proverbs, walked alongside Ruth and Naomi in their remarkable story of loyalty and love, and found lessons on empathy and presence in Job. Each week has sparked great conversation and deepened our sense of community—reminding us how God weaves friendship into every part of our faith journey. All are welcome to join us in November on the 10th and 24th at 7pm!



ADULTS

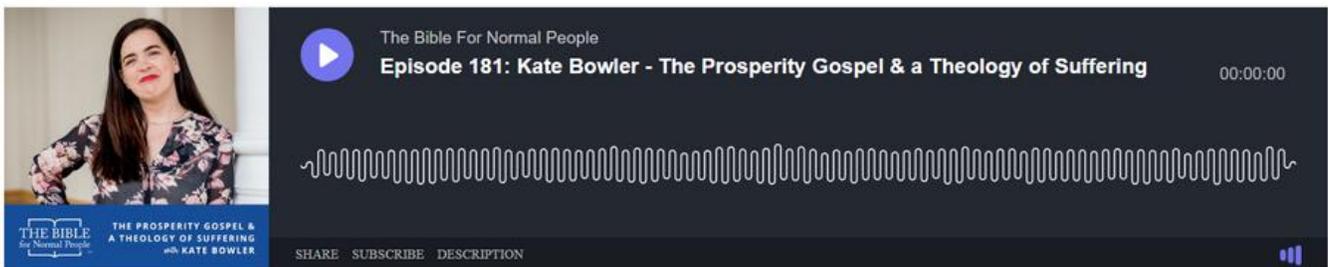
GREAT DISCUSSIONS - WRESTLING WITH THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL

On October 16, our Great Discussions group tackled the challenging topic of the Prosperity Gospel. Using insights from Kate Bowler, we explored why this theology—promising health, wealth, and upward success—can feel appealing, and how it sometimes misleads when taken to extremes.

We talked about how Scripture is sometimes used in fragments to promise blessings for obedience, how cultural forces like optimism and self-help support these ideas, and why they meet certain human needs.

Our conversation also reflected on a Reformed perspective: God's love is unconditional, grace is unearned, and prosperity looks different in the kingdom of God—more about hope, presence, and care for one another than material gain. We left thinking about how we can accompany others with honesty and compassion rather than platitudes.

For those who want to explore these ideas further, we recommend [this podcast episode](#), featuring Kate Bowler, who offers a thoughtful overview of the Prosperity Gospel and reflects on blessing, suffering, and faith.



Join
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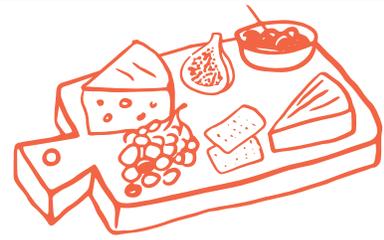
November 13th

Topic: Weight Loss Drugs

Discussion Leader: John & Martha Roth

GLP-1 receptor agonists, originally developed to treat type 2 diabetes, have recently gained attention for their effectiveness in promoting weight loss. While these drugs have shown significant success in clinical trials and real-world use, their growing popularity has sparked debate. This discussion will explore both the promise and challenges of using GLP -1 drugs.

FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY



LADIES NIGHT GATHER & GRAZE: THE HOME EDITION!



When our plans for a Ladies' Night at Readington Brewery fell through, we decided not to let that stop the fun! Instead, we brought the gathering home—transforming the kitchen island at the Manse into one big, beautiful charcuterie board overflowing with sweet and savory treats.



The evening was filled with laughter, conversation, and plenty of good food as we took time to relax and enjoy one another's company. We even had the joy of celebrating Judy's birthday together! A special thanks to Jes, Barb, and Jill for their artistic eye and creative touch in setting up the feast—it looked absolutely amazing. Sometimes the best nights are the ones that don't go exactly as planned—and this one turned out to be just that! Our next chance to gather will be for coffee and cookies in December—we can't wait to catch up and share in a little more warmth and friendship before the holidays.



FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY



TRUNK OR TREAT

What a night at CPC! Our parking lot was overflowing with laughter, costumes, and candy as families from our church and community came out for Trunk or Treat. From K-Pop Demon Hunters to superheroes, princesses, and classic Halloween favorites, the creativity was off the charts!

We handed out thousands of pieces of candy (we stopped counting somewhere around 6pm!) and served up over 600 hot dogs—fuel for all those little ghosts and goblins on the move. A huge thank-you to Dr. D, who kept spirits high and feet moving with a fantastic soundtrack all evening long.

Most of all, we're grateful to everyone who made the night possible: those who hosted trunks, decorated with flair, and donated candy by the bagful. Your generosity and good humor created a warm, welcoming space for our neighbors to gather and celebrate together.



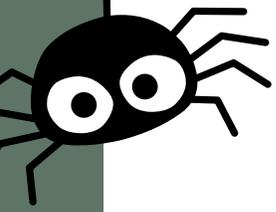
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PRESCHOOL



This September marked the beginning of our eighth year of Clinton Presbyterian Church Preschool. We are blessed to welcome 38 families, the largest enrollment in our history. This year we have two classes of three-year-olds and two classes of four-year-olds, all busy exploring, learning, sharing - and of course - playing together.

We are pleased to welcome our new director, Laura Creteau, along with Liz Beasley, our new teacher for the four-year-olds, and Erica Murphy, our new assistant for the 4-year-olds. Sarah Kyte is back with us this year, as an assistant to the 3's. Both Liz and Erica are also CPC preschool parents, making our program feel even more like one big preschool family.

Our fall season has been full of joyful activity. We were so happy to have Miss Adrienne back to run our first "Stay and Play" of the year. Then we celebrated Halloween with costumes, parades, games, and trick-or-treating, joined by many enthusiastic parents. We are thankful for a wonderful start to another year and we are looking forward to all the fun and learning still to come!



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We will be collecting and delivering food to local families in need. We plan to help families with more of their everyday lives, not just their Thanksgiving meal.

Important Dates:

- **Collection dates: 10/19 - 11/16**
- **Pack up of boxes: During Chaos Youth's Friendsgiving Fest, Sunday 11/16**
- **Delivery: Saturday 11/22**

We will be collecting the following items:

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| • Can of Coffee | • Box of Cereal |
| • Box of Tea Bags | • Canned Vegetables |
| • Ketchup | • Stuffing |
| • Peanut Butter | • Instant Jell-o / Pudding |
| • Jam / Jelly | • Vegetable Oil / Olive Oil (small bottles) |
| • Crackers | • Jar of Applesauce (no unsweetened) |
| • Box of Mac 'n' Cheese | • All Purpose Flour |
| • Box of Dry Pasta | • Granulated White Sugar |
| • Pasta Sauce | • Monetary Donations |
| • Canned Soup | |

Note: Ham and / or Turkey donations are welcomed as well.

Please drop off all items either in the designated areas in the sanctuary or fellowship hall. If you are interested in delivering boxes, please sign up here!

[Sign Up](#)



THE GIVING TREE

The 2025 Giving Tree will appear in the sanctuary on November 9, loaded with tags! Help local friends and neighbors in need this holiday season. Our church family is supporting the following groups this year:

- Local Families in need
- Families suffering housing insecurity through Family Promise
- Single moms and their children through The Friendship Center of New Beginnings
- Children and teens in an impoverished area of rural Maine
- Victims of domestic violence through Safe in Hunterdon
- Families needing support through the Family Success Center
- Kids enrolled in Flemington Head Start (undies program!)
- Scholarships for the Clinton Presbyterian Preschool

Want to participate? It's easy:

- Pick a tag (or more than one!)
- Return UNWRAPPED gifts WITH TAGS TAPED ON TOP by Sunday, November 30th (including wrapping paper and tape is always welcome!)

Worshipping from home and can't get a physical tag? We've got you covered. Click the button to give online:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you all for your generous support of this fun and meaningful mission project. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Treese: 267-981-8502



OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT MISSION DISBURSEMENTS 2025

During our September meeting, the Mission team went through their disbursements for the year, with an increase of funds (compared to last year) serving local organizations, especially ones we have a strong relationship with.

Of all the disbursements distributed, 84% went towards local organizations (Anderson House, Camp Johnsonborg, CASA SHaW, City Relief, Clinton Fire Department, Clinton Rescue Squad, Creature Comfort Pet Therapy, Family Promise, Feeding Hands - Food Distribution Center, Flemington Food Pantry, Friendship Center for New Beginnings, Grow-A-Row, Homeless Solutions, Market Street Mission, Meals on Wheels, Open Cupboard Food Pantry, Raritan Headwaters Association, ReStore (Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity in Clinton), Safe in Hunterdon, and Tabby's Place Cat Sanctuary) and 16% went towards national / international organizations (All Hands, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Samaritan's Purse).



Thank you everyone who participated in our Clinton Day of Service on 9/28! It was a great success, with over 100 congregation members coming together to serve throughout Clinton. It is true what they say, many hands make light work. We had teams cleaning the bridge by the Red Mill, helping setup for Halloween at the Red Mill, picking up trash, cleaning up the stream, baking mac 'n' cheese and desserts for local first responders, putting together / delivering a gift to our neighbors on Center Street, sorting donations and making pet toys, packing CPC visitor bags and organizing our kitchen, handing out popsicles at the playground, serving hotdogs to the community, and playing music on the Art Museum Terrace.

We were blessed with wonderful weather as we served our neighborhood with joy. It was great seeing so many congregation members, in their red CPC shirts, out there serving the community that we love! **Thank you to our Clinton Day of Service crews!**



MISSION

DAY OF SERVICE



MISSION

DAY OF SERVICE (CONT'D)



CPC HOSTS HDL GROUP FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS OCTOBER 28, 2025

What is HDL, you ask? It is a growing group of special needs adults who meet monthly to socialize and develop connections with each other as well as the larger community. At the same time, parents and caregivers of the participants can enjoy a couple hours of respite to themselves. HDL stands for "Hang & Do what you Love" and is otherwise known as "Huddle."

Janet Boyd, Robin Meyh, and Linda Pustai started this group in February 2025 and serve as the mentors. Participants are over 21 years old and come from Clinton and the surrounding communities. Past activities have included playing Bingo with the Joy Scouts, walking Cathie Sayre's therapy dog, indoor & outdoor games, arts & crafts, and puzzles. HDL meets in Fellowship Hall from 7-9pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month (except July & August).

Thank you to CPC for providing the space for this mission.



CPC SUPPORTS FAMILY PROMISE DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

Family Promise serves as the only residential support center for children and their families in Hunterdon County. Their mission is to advocate for families and individuals experiencing homelessness and guide them to self-sufficiency and permanent housing by mobilizing the community to provide compassionate care, services and professional support.

There are two weeks out of each year that CPC gets closely involved with Family Promise. During those weeks, we provide groceries for the families for the week and provide a dinner four times a week. Over the last year, two families have resided in the Promise House in Flemington, but that number is expected to increase. CPC will continue to support this compassionate organization and will always welcome volunteers for our weeks of service there. The next week will be in the spring so keep an eye out for a sign up!

PROPERTY, PERSONNEL AND MORE

A NOTE FROM PERSONNEL

We are blessed to have a team of employees at CPC who are extraordinarily dedicated to their professions. One of the ways we demonstrate the congregation's appreciation for their efforts is through our annual performance review process. Sharing the feedback from our church membership shows each of our employees how much their work is valued by all of us. The performance review process also gives us an opportunity to listen to their requests, and also provides us with a chance to offer constructive feedback.

Thanks to all in the congregation who took the time to offer your assessment of each staff member. Everyone was very appreciative of the information that was shared. In addition, thank you to Emmaline Morano and Barbara Pearson, the elder and deacon representatives who joined Paul Morrisette in assessing and delivering feedback to Rev. Henry.

PLANNING AHEAD

On Saturday, November 1, Elders Colleen Duerr and Larry Boyd, together with Pastor Tracey, attended a Safety and Security Workshop hosted by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The workshop focused on helping congregations think faithfully and strategically about how to create worshiping spaces that are both welcoming and safe for all.

The insights gained from this event will help guide the work of our newly formed Safety Team, which will be chaired by Elder Duerr. This team will be exploring ways to strengthen our preparedness, communication, and care for one another in times of need.

As the work progresses, we'll continue to share updates with the congregation. Thank you for your prayers and support as we seek to nurture a community that is both open-hearted and well-prepared.



GOOD NEWS—YOU'LL HEAR IT BETTER NOW!

If you've been in worship recently, you may have noticed things are sounding a little clearer these days. That's because our sanctuary just got a speaker system upgrade—and we're hoping it helps everyone catch every word, note, and "amen!"

The cost of the speakers was funded by a generous special gift to the church and the installation itself was completely free as Kennedy Event services donated their time and services. Matt Hodulik and Paul Morrisette went above and beyond, handling the wiring and fine-tuning the system so everything sounds just right. We're so grateful for this generous teamwork and the joyful spirit behind it. Here's to hearing God's Word (and the choir, and the kids, and maybe even the pastor) a little more clearly each Sunday!





LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS @ CPC AND THE MANSE!

If you've noticed things looking tidier around the church grounds—and even over at the manse—you're right! We recently did a significant fall cleanup that included trimming, edging, shaping and other sprucing up to get everything ready for the colder months ahead. The work was covered through our regular operating expenses, and it's made such a nice difference to go along with all of the external improvements made during the Capital campaign."

Looking ahead, we'd love to put together a small "grounds crew" of folks who enjoy a bit of fresh air and light yardwork now and then. Helping hands like that would go a long way toward keeping our property looking great and our costs down. If you'd like to be part of that team, let us know—you might even make a few new friends along the way!

HOME IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MANSE

If you've driven by the manse lately, you've probably noticed a lot of work underway! The gutters have been replaced, a brand-new roof has been installed, the unused chimney taken down and the old front porch has been removed to make way for a new one that will be built soon. Bit by bit, the manse is getting the attention it needs to stay safe, comfortable, and welcoming for years to come.

This work is funded through our church savings and reflects our shared commitment to good stewardship—taking care of the property that supports our ministry and provides a home for our pastor and her family.

The Henrys are grateful for the care and investment that make these updates possible—and they look forward to welcoming you to the new front porch when spring weather returns!



ADVENT PREVIEW...

NOVEMBER 23 - HANGING OF THE GREENS

After our service of Thanksgiving on November 24, we'll work together to prepare our sanctuary and fellowship hall for Advent and Christmas, decorating with the symbols of the season. Many hands make light work, so plan some extra time that morning to share in this work



DECEMBER 6 - CHRISTMAS PARADE

Come join us for the Christmas Parade! We are looking for someone who would be interested in heading up our float decorations and theme this year and we know we have a lot of creative people in our CPC family. Please reach out to Ali if you are interested.

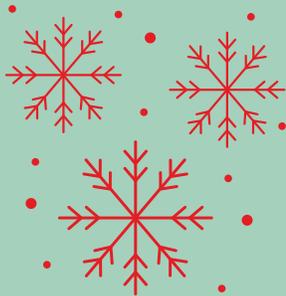
DECEMBER 20 - LIVE NATIVITY

All church members, friends and members of the community are invited to come by CPC on December 21 (rain date: December 22) from 5-7 pm for this special event.



DECEMBER 21 - CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & ADVENT BREAKFAST

In worship we will hear once again, the story of the first Christmas told by eager shepherds and tiny angels. Come and share the wonder. We'll enjoy breakfast together afterwards in Fellowship Hall.



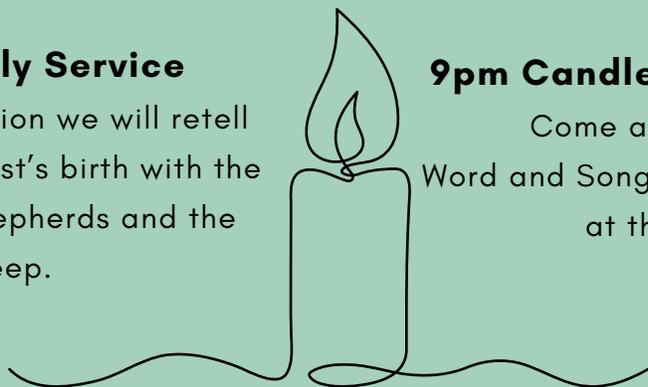
DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5pm Family Service

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

9pm Candlelight Communion Service

Come and be lifted in joy through Word and Song as we celebrate the Christ child at this candlelight service.





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July 28, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of First Presbyterian Church Kerrville and the greater Kerr County community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations in response to the recent flooding in our area. Your compassion and willingness to help in a time of such urgent need have been a true blessing to so many families who are struggling to rebuild their lives.

Your support has provided immediate relief—restoring homes, feeding the hungry, and offering comfort where there was once despair. We are reminded through your actions that the Church is not merely a building, but the hands and feet of Christ in the world today.

As we walk through this difficult season, we take comfort in the words of Psalm 23:

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

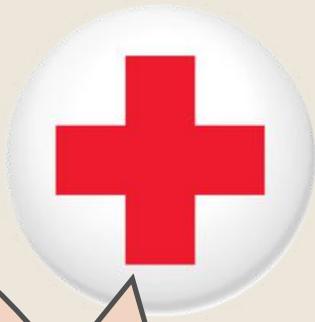
—Psalm 23:4

Indeed, the Lord is our Shepherd, and through your generosity, we have seen His provision and love made visible. Thank you for standing with us in faith and in action. Your partnership is a testimony to God’s unwavering care and a beacon of hope to our neighbors.

With deep appreciation and blessings,

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Thank you for supporting our church and our community! We are deeply moved by your generosity and appreciate all of your prayers!

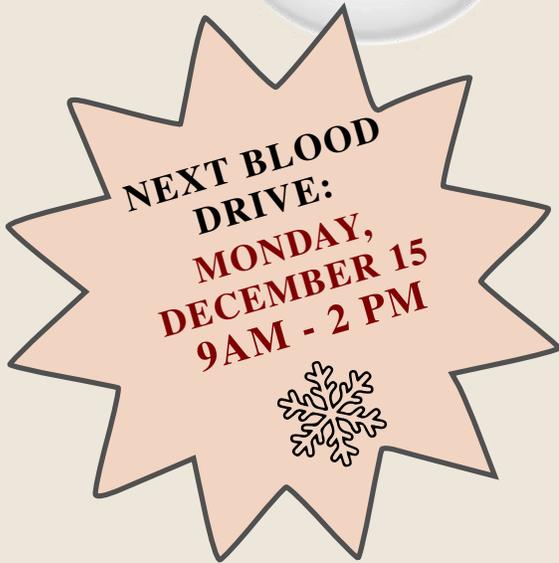


American Red Cross

A NOTE FROM THE RED CROSS

Thank you for opening your doors and believing in our mission. The official results for 10-20-25 are attached! We were able to collect 29 units, which will go on to help approximately 87 hospital patients - **INCREDIBLE!!**

There were 6 first-time donors at this blood drive!!!



PINK PONY CLUB

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS WHO ARE PART OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, JOIN US IN

THE DEN @ CPG!

3:00-4:15PM

NEXT MEETING DATES:

NOVEMBER 15

DECEMBER 13

