

PROGRAM GUIDE

CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Winter & Lent
2026



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Welcoming to All Growing in Faith Serving with Love

Dear Friends,

As we step into a new year, I'm grateful for the gift of this community — a place where people of all ages can grow in faith, find connection, and experience the joy of belonging. CPC is alive with opportunities to worship, learn, serve, and celebrate together, and this guide highlights just a few ways you can be part of it.

Whether it's singing in the choir, volunteering as a liturgist, exploring a new class, finding new ways to serve others or simply showing up to worship from week to week, there is a place for you here. Every gathering is an invitation to share your gifts, meet new friends, and nurture your faith alongside others.

I hope this guide helps you discover your next step. I'm thankful for each of you and excited for all the ways we will walk together in faith, hope, and friendship in the year ahead.

In Christ

Tracey

Rev. Dr. Tracey C. Henry
Pastor



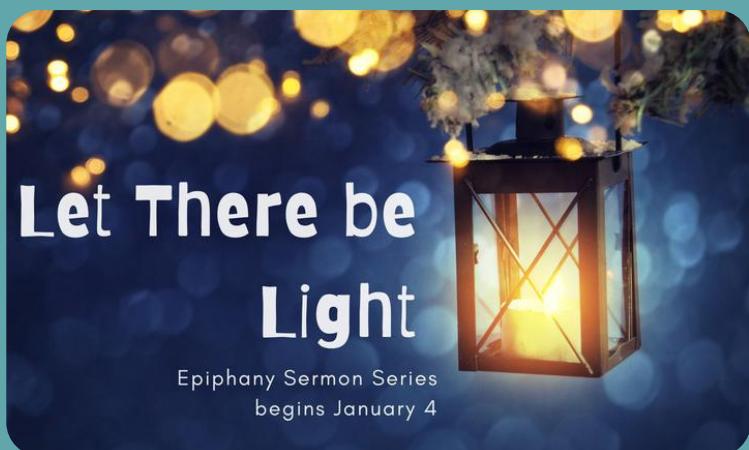
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Anywhere you see this symbol, , please click to sign up online!

Or reach out to Ali and let her know of your interest! office@clintonpresbyterian.net

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT CPC JANUARY

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](#).



A new year is a chance to pause, reflect, and notice what really matters. From the star that guided the wise ones to the moments that guide us today, this Epiphany we'll follow the Light—discovering hope, renewal, and joy along the way.

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The Light that Leads Us...inviting us to follow the star with the Magi and notice how God still guides our steps.

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The Light that Claims Us...reminding us of Jesus' baptism and the belovedness that holds our own lives.

Join us after worship **TODAY for our Epiphany Café.**

Enjoy delicious treats, learn more about our ministries, and celebrate the light of Epiphany together. All are welcome.

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The Light that Calls Us...drawing us toward God's purposes for our lives and community, echoing Dr. King's legacy.

Visit from City Relief

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We are thrilled to welcome Dan Sadlier from City Relief, one of our long-term mission partners. Dan will share updates on their newly re-established ministries serving neighbors in and around Newark – stories of hope, hospitality, and lives changed. We'll also explore ways our congregation can continue to come alongside their work in the months ahead, through hands-on service, prayer, and ongoing support. Come ready to be encouraged and energized for mission!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT CPC FEBRUARY

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The Light We Share... God's light shines through our shared ministry—past, present, and future. Join us for worship, followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting. The Annual Report will be available to members in advance of this meeting

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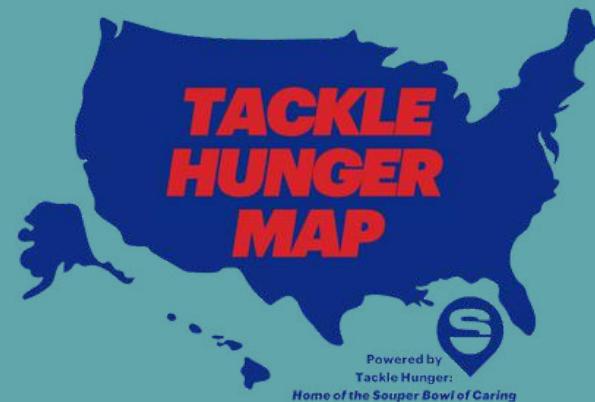
Children's Sunday - Get ready for a very special worship experience — our amazing kids will be leading the entire service! From singing and prayers to readings and reflections, they'll guide us through every part of worship. Come celebrate their creativity, joy, and faith as they share their gifts

Super Bowl of Caring - February 8th

Get ready to play for a good cause this Super Bowl Sunday! Our Confirmation Students will be collecting cans of soup and monetary donations for the Flemington Area Food Pantry, and they'll be cheering you on as you help score big with your generosity. Look for the giant soup pots at the exits — let's see if we can fill them to the top!

We're turning it into a friendly competition: last names A-L are the AFC Team, and last names M-Z are the NFC Team. Which team will rack up the most points with donations? The scoreboard is in your hands — may the best team win!

Don't forget to wear the jersey of your favorite team to worship so we can celebrate in true game-day style. Learn more about the Souper Bowl of Caring at tacklehunger.org. Let's tackle hunger together and have some fun while we do it!



Scout Sunday - February 22nd

Scout Troop 121 will join us in worship. We'll hear from the Scoutmaster and Scouts, and they'll help lead several parts of the service as we celebrate their hard work, character, and community spirit. CPC has sponsored Troop 121 for six decades, and we're grateful for their ongoing presence, service, and leadership among us. We look forward to welcoming them and blessing their year ahead.

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

Kids' Sunday School: 10:40-11:30am

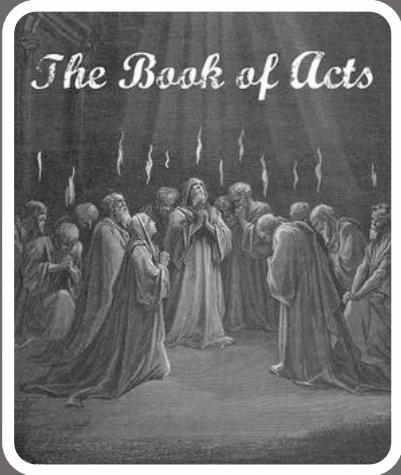
Sunday mornings start with smiles upstairs! Kids gather upstairs right after worship for a snack and singing and then head off over classrooms for lively Bible stories, games, and hands-on activities. It's a joyful, welcoming time to make friends, grow in faith, and have fun every week.

Haven't registered yet? [Sign up here!](#)



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. We hope to conclude our study of the books of Acts this Winter.



Lingering with the Word

A relaxed, come-as-you-are conversation about the sermon you've just heard. We'll gather after worship to share reflections, ask questions, and listen to one another. Very casual, no preparation needed – just bring your coffee and curiosity. Meet in Fellowship Hall





WINTER POP-UPS!

Come together for fun, fellowship, and connection! These one-time gatherings, hosted by our children, youth and adult discipleship teams will also give us a chance to explore how we can walk alongside you in nurturing faith at every age and stage. Tell us which event interests you, and we'll work with groups to schedule convenient dates from mid-January through February.

**Faith
and
Hope**

PANCAKES & PJS

Who: Young kids + parents

Saturday morning fun in your comfiest pajamas! Enjoy pancakes while the kids play and parents connect.



LET'S TALK: THE BIG KID YEARS

Who: Parents of upper elementary students

Sunday morning conversation about the “tween” years – friendships, independence, and nurturing faith at home.

Who: Middle & high school students + parents

When: Sunday, January 11
An honest, open conversation about teens, parenting, and faith. See page 9 for more details and to rsvp!

**LET'S
TALK:
TEENS &
PARENTS**





WINTER

POP-UPS!

GUAC & GAMES

Who: 20s & 30s

We'll meet at a local spot or at CPC for a fun kid-free night —good food, laughs, and company guaranteed.



CHILI & CHAT

Who: Empty-nesters & retirees

Warm up with chili and conversation about keeping faith steady in this season of life.

Good food, good company,

Got a fun idea for a Winter Pop-Up gathering that's not listed? Share it with us — we'd love to help make it happen!

RSVP

Use the RSVP to let us know which events interest you, and we'll coordinate dates that work best!

ADULT STUDIES AND MORE

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

This group gathers around the table for shared meals and thoughtful, engaging conversation about the issues shaping our world today. Together, we explore big questions, listen across perspectives, and reflect on how faith informs our understanding of current events, culture, and community life. The focus is on curiosity, respect, and meaningful connection.

Winter and Spring Dates : **January 22**
February 26
April 23



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Women's Evening Group

January 12 & 26

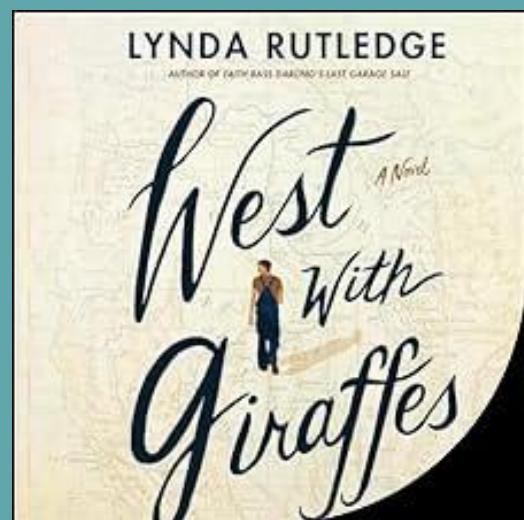


We'll be wrapping up our ongoing series on Friendship during the month of January. We've been exploring various passages of Scripture, reflecting together on what it means to build meaningful, faithful relationships —how friendship shapes our faith, sustains us in hard seasons, and helps us grow in love and understanding. Whether you've been part of the series from the beginning or are curious to join for these final conversations, you are always welcome.

CPC Book Club

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge is the book for the January 15th gathering. Please reach out if you would like to join us! Our Book Club meets on the third Thursday of each month.

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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, Country Arch Care Center and more in the winter months. Keep an eye on the weekly announcements to learn of specific dates and times.

Let's talk: Parents and Teens January 11

5:30pm - dinner included

"Under Pressure"

We'll have a special gathering on Jan 11 for Parents and Teens as part of our Winter pop up series . Please email Vania if you are interested vstevenson@clintonpresbyterian.net

Join us for an unforgettable evening designed for parents and teens to connect through real conversations, activities, and plenty of fun! We'll explore the pressures of today's world while fostering understanding from each other's perspectives.



Confirmation

Did you know that we currently have seven students participating in our Confirmation Program? They've already shared a retreat experience at Camp Johnsonburg and spent meaningful time together on Sunday evenings. During January and February, these students will serve as liturgists in our worship services and participate in mission activities alongside their mentors, growing in faith, service, and community.



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.



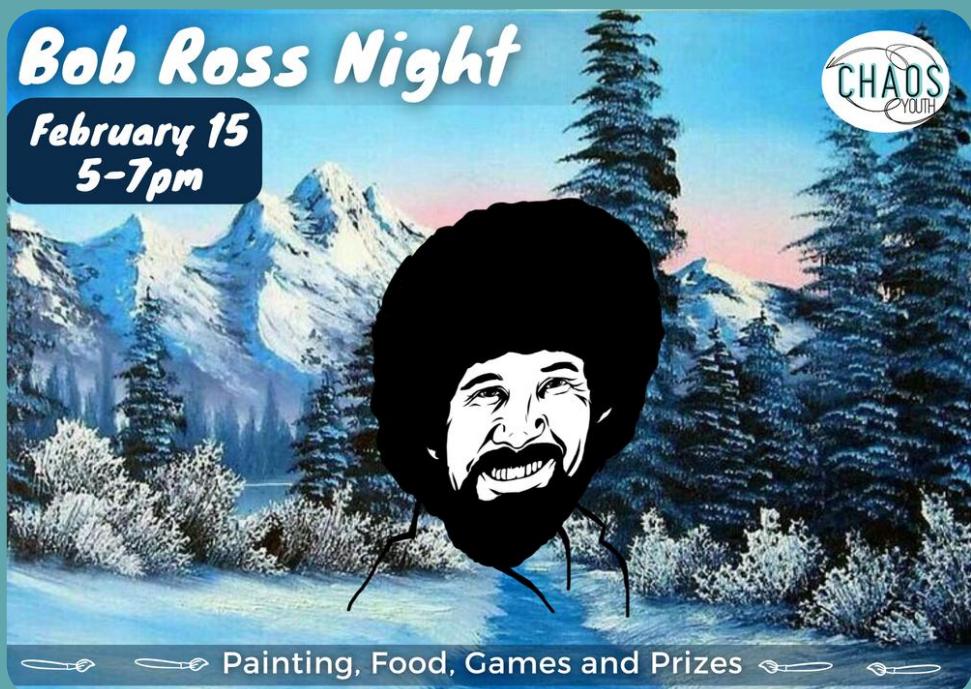
Game Night

February 15th
CHAOS Bob
Ross Night
5-7pm

He's baackkkk! Join us for another evening full of creativity, laughter, and painting "happy little trees!"

February 1st - Game Night

Let's join the fun for Fellowship Game Night! Middle & High Schoolers can either form their own teams or play with their families! That means parents & siblings- game night is for you, too! This is a great opportunity to connect with our CPC Family. GAME ON!



ALL-AGE CHURCH DINNER & GAME NIGHT

FEB 1 @ 5PM

Mark your calendars for an evening of good food, great games, and even better company! Our All-Age Church Dinner and Game Night is the perfect opportunity for everyone — kids, teens, and adults — to share a meal, play some friendly games, and enjoy time together as a church family.

Bring your appetite, your sense of fun, and your competitive (yet kind!) spirit. Let's laugh, connect, and make memories! (P.S. We've double-checked — no football conflicts that night! Just clear skies and fun ahead!)

FELLOWSHIP

Game Night

RSVP



MEN'S BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY 28TH AT 8AM

Start your day off right with a delicious breakfast at the Manse - 105 Center Street! All men are invited.

RSVP



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?!

Get ready for a night of surprise, laughter, and delicious food! Sign up for this event and just a few days before, you'll discover whose home you'll be dining at! Each guest will be asked to bring a dish to share. We hope to have some "kid-friendly homes" so that all ages will be welcome. Don't miss this chance to connect with new friends, enjoy great food, and experience the joy of a community dinner with a playful twist!

RSVP

MISSION

Fighting Hunger with a Soup Cook Off



We're thrilled to announce that **CPC is joining the Hunterdon County Rotary Soup Cook-Off for the very first time** and our team is serving up what we know is an award-worthy soup!

Each year, the **Rotary Clubs of Hunterdon County** host this beloved community event, where neighbors gather over bowls of delicious soup while raising funds for local food pantries — nearly \$10,000 annually to support families across the county.

Come be part of this fun night — and let's see if CPC takes home the prize in our very first year!



Spring Service Opportunities

During the holiday season, we became aware of an increased number of families in our community who could use a little extra support. This spring, we hope to partner with local schools to explore meaningful ways to help and to offer opportunities for our congregation to serve. Stay tuned for more information.



The mission of Family Promise 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. Family Promise is the only residential support center for children and their families in Hunterdon County. We are one of several local houses of worship who support these efforts by providing homemade meals for clients while they reside at the Promise Center. This Winter, we will be providing dinners the week of February 22-28. If you are able to help by making a meal, please select an evening using the button below.

SIGN UP ➔



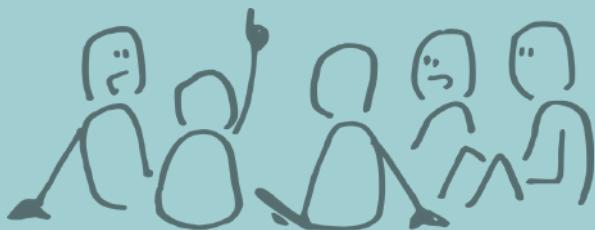
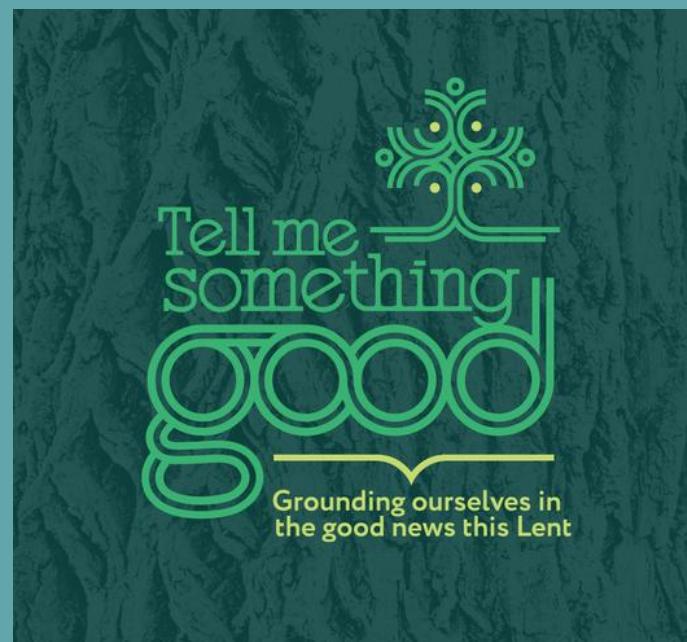
LENT @ CPC

February 18th at 7:00pm

Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent with a reflective and peaceful worship service. Our confirmation students and chancel choir will help to lead as we receive ashes and begin our journey toward Easter around the communion table. Come as you are and enter Lent with intention and hope.

Lenten Sermon Series: Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent

Lent was originally a season for new Christians to prepare for baptism, grounding themselves in what is central to following Christ. In the same way, this season calls all of us to return to our roots: loving our neighbors, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice, and resting in God's unending grace. This Lent, our series Tell Me Something Good invites us to reflect on the heart of Jesus' life and ministry—the core teachings that form the foundation of our faith – teaching that are sometimes challenging and yet always lifegiving.



Lenten Small Groups

This Lent, explore your faith and **deepen connections** in a small group setting. Meet **once a week for 4-5 weeks** and discover the joy of journeying together. Details coming soon!

LENT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH @ CPC

March 1 Seder Meal - all CHAOS 5-7pm

We'll be coming together for a truly special evening. Our youth will have the opportunity to experience a Seder meal, a tradition that dates back thousands of years and one that Jesus Himself would have celebrated. A traditional Jewish dinner will also be served.



March 8 Sunday Funday (right after Sunday School)

Join us for an hour of hanging out, having fun, and growing in faith together!



March 13-15 Spring Retreat

(for all middle and high schoolers!)

All middle & high schoolers are invited to join us for a weekend filled with laughter, fun, camp activities, and spiritual growth - plus we'll get to sleep on comfy Tempurpedic mattresses in the beautiful lodges! Vania will be attending!



HOLY WEEK

Our Lent Preview will be published in February detailing all of the special things happening around CPC for this holy time of year.

Palm Sunday

March 29

9:30AM Service

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

Maundy Thursday

April 2

6:00PM Service

Soup & Service with communion

Good Friday

April 3

10:00AM Children's Gathering

7:00PM Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday

April 5

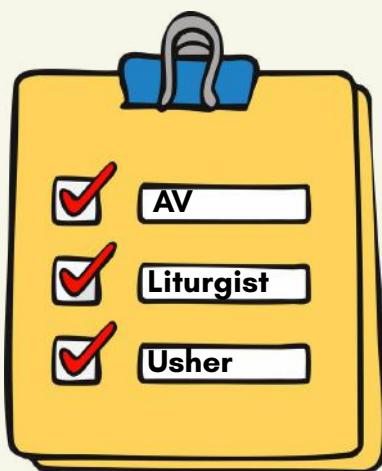
9:30AM Service

Worship featuring our Chancel Choir, Praise Team & Brass

GETTING INVOLVED - SUNDAY MORNINGS AND BEYOND

Serve as a Liturgist or Usher

We invite members of all ages to participate in worship by serving as liturgists or ushers. It's a meaningful way to be part of our worship experience and help our congregation feel welcome and engaged. Let us know of interest!



Join our AV Team

We're looking to expand our AV team to help with our weekly livestream. No experience is necessary — training is provided! This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and support our community as we connect both in person and online. Let us know of interest!

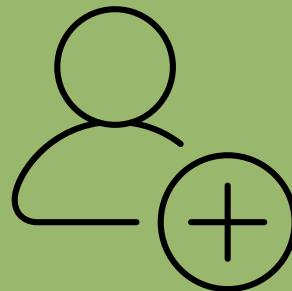
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Acolytes (3rd Grade and Up)

Children in 3rd grade and older are invited to serve as acolytes, helping to light and extinguish the candles in the sanctuary. The light represents the light of Christ, reminding us that God is present in our time together. [Click here](#) to sign up and be part of this meaningful role!

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.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Praise Team



The Praise Team leads us in contemporary worship music. They rehearse on Saturday mornings, usually around 10am. Rehearsals resume January 3rd and continue throughout the year. Singers and musicians are always invited to join this team and use their gifts to praise God.



Bell Choir



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



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!

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, March 29th.

If joining one of these ensembles isn't the right fit, we'd still love to hear about your talents. Singers, instrumentalists, and anyone with a heart for music are invited to let us know how you'd like to share your gifts with our church family.

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

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.

Visit our website to see photos and pricing!



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>



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.

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!



HUNTERDON COUNTY NJ

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.

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Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9



May 14, Jun 11

7-9pm

For Adults, 21 & over, with Cognitive Disabilities. Come To enjoy a variety of activities while building relationships among other special needs adults & the community



American Red Cross

Blood Drives

To date, CPC Hosted Blood Drives have collected 456 units of blood!!

We are proud to be hosting another Blood Drive on Monday, February 9th, from 2-7 p.m.

Click below to sign up!



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 Tuesday
Children's	2nd Tuesday
Youth	1st Tuesday
Operations	2nd Tuesday
Worship	2nd Tuesday
Fellowship	2nd Tuesday
Session	Third Tuesday @ 7pm
Deacons	Third Tuesday @ 6:30pm
Welcome and Connection	2nd Tuesday
Adult Discipleship	1st Tues

ELDERS

Bob Ballantine
Amey Barnes
Larry Boyd
Tony Celentano
Colleen Duerr
Laura McGarry
Emmaline Morano
Paul Morrissette
Caleb Schlegel
Judi Sifuentes
Zan Struebing
Jake Treese

Linda Schipmann-Pustai
(Clerk of Session)

DEACONS

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Adrienne Hodulik(D)
Spencer Holmsborg(E,F,W)
Leslie Hyman (I,J,K)
Scott Jackle (Bl-Bu,V,Z)
Lee Longell(Q,R,T)
Robin Meyh (P)
Wendy Morrissette(A,C,N,O)
Barbara Pearson(Ba-Bi)
Ellen Piccolo(M)
Kevin Thompson (G,H)
Leanne Treese (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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