#### **CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Spring & Summer 2024



91 Center Street Clinton, NG 08809



# Welcoming to All Growing in Faith Serving with Love.

Friends – Spring has sprung – thanks be to God! With warmer weather comes fuller schedules as we soak in the season, so it is my hope that this Spring/Summer program guide will help you find your way to full and fun engagement here at CPC over the next few months. Spend a few minutes with this guide and add events to your calendar. Worship with us often. Nurture friendships here. Volunteer to serve. Share the love of Jesus freely.

I'll see you in church!

Anywhere you see this symbol,

 $^{\prime}$ , please click to sign up online!

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

#### Our Church in Ministry

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#### Weekly Worship

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

Services are also livestreamed to our YouTube Page.

#### Sunday School

Sunday School classes for all ages will resume on **Sunday, April 7** 

**Kids:** Meet your teachers in Fellowship Hall at 10:45am. **Parents:** Pick up your kids at their classrooms at 11:30am.

Pre-K (3 and 4 year olds) - Room 1 (Nursery)

Teachers: Jill and Rich Prakopcyk

Kindergarten/1st Grade - Room 7 (upstairs)

Teachers: Abby Dougherty, Carolyn Donchevich, Leigh

Perry

2nd & 3rd Grade - Room 5 (upstairs)

Teachers: Dorothy Battaglia, Adrienne Hodulik, Megan

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4th and 5th Grade - Room 6 (upstairs)

Teachers: Kim Darcy, Cathy Edelsberg, Judi Sifuentes

Middle School 6th & 7th Grade - Room 4 (downstairs)

Teachers: Jim Dornbusch and Ben Dougherty.

The last day of Sunday School before summer recess will be Sunday, May 5

#### **Adult Bible Study**

Having completed their study of the Gospel of
John, this class will begin to
explore the Book of Acts.
All are welcome come and go as you are able.







#### Chaos and Chaos Jr

We're hoping warmer spring days will mean we can be outside - meet us at the church!

Middle Schoolers meet from 5:30-6:30pm High Schoolers meet from 7-8pm

April 21 May 5 May 19

#### Sunday Funday

Calling all 4th graders -come on over and join us after Sunday School for some Spring Fun - snack and mad libs included!

April 14th 11:30-12:30









#### Art in Bloom

An all new festival is coming to town and CPC is so excited to be a part of it! Take a stroll downtown and find our table on Main Street. We'll be sharing about all the good things that are happening at CPC and will be offering some crafty activities for little hands!

#### Town Hall

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Generation to Generation Capital
Campaign
April 21 at 10:40am
Join us as we give a thorough report
on our progress and what lies ahead
in the final 12 months of the
campaign.







#### Great Decisions

It doesn't get better than thoughtful conversations delicious food and good friends. This month our topic for discussion is "US China Trade Rivalry" Consider yourself invited to join us.

#### Meet Realm!

Our all new church management software, Realm, is designed to help us not only keep accurate records, but also to become more connected to one another. You'll be able to set up your own profiles, download an app and connect with church friends at the touch of button. Keep your eyes peeled for a date this Spring when we'll do some hands on learning together after worship!





CPC kids serve with a joyful heart all year long. Here's just a glimpse of what we will be up to this Spring.



to RSVP for events please email office@clintonpresbyterian.net





Tabby's Place Cat Sanctuary, Ringoes 1:00-2:00pm Ages 5 and up. (recurring every 2nd Saturday)





Stream Cleanup, High Bridge – 9:00–12:00pm All ages with parent.





Flemington

1:30pm Hymn Sing (with Ted!!)

2:15pm Games.

All ages (even babies!) with parent.



Coming in early May – a spring cleanup at the Anderson House.



The Joy Scouts are looking forward to a spring and summer full of opportunities to be helpful in our community! Similar to last year, we will help organizations with kid-friendly outdoor activities like weeding, garden cleanup, planting, and harvesting. We will continue to visit with our senior friends, help at local food pantries, serve with Homeless Solutions, Creature Comfort pet therapy, as well as find brand new opportunities to spread joy and kindness. Our

CPC kids are so ambitious and capable. Join us!

### Pride Social

Come one, come all to this
FREE program.
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
are welcome and accepted.
No rsvp necessary!
Join us in
Fellowship Hall...

Got questions?! email office@clintonpresbyterian.net



Saturday, April 20th 1-2pm



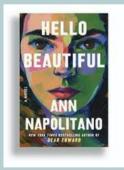


Saturday, May 11th 1-2pm



Saturday, June 15th 1-2pm

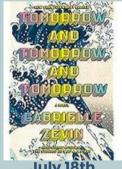
# Book Club



May 16 Hello Beautiful Ann Napolitano



June 20th Choose a novel by William Kreuger



Tomorrow, Tomorrow
and Tomorrow
Gabriell Zevin



August 15th
The Age of Miracles
Karen Thompson
Walker

Book club will be gathering in **The Den at 7:00pm at CPC** except in July when we will meet in Val
Boyer's beautiful garden.





#### Pentecost Picnic

50 days after Easter, marks the day of Pentecost, the day the church was born. What better why to say "Happy Birthday, Church!" than to throw a party! Food will be provided by Mexicali Brews, music by our own maestro Ted (and friends!) and everyone's invited to participate in a (free) raffle to win prizes from local businesses. Did we mention there will be a bounce house? It's a don't miss celebration – see you there!



#### **Great Decisions**

Join us for dinner and conversation at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The discussion this month will be about the "NATO's Future" – please reach out if you would like to join!





#### Growing our CPC Family

On Pentecost Sunday we will welcome new members to our family of faith and give thanks for the Spirit who is moving amongst us still. Interested in becoming part of the family that date? Drop us a line and let us know. Once we know who will be hopping on board that day, we'll find a convenient time for a New Members Gathering.



#### 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? Watch for a sign up in our Worship & Weekly Announcements emails!



## Summer Opportunities



Camp & Retreat Center

If you are still making summer plans for your kid/tween/teen, why not chck out the options Camp Johnsonburg. Not 45 minutes away from Clinton, this is a special place, a world apart, for kids to flourish. You can check out the full schedule of available camps here: <a href="https://www.campjburg.org/summer-camp/">https://www.campjburg.org/summer-camp/</a>



This year, Pastor Tracey will be serving as the volunteer chaplain at Johnsonburg the week of June 23. If it would put your mind at ease to know that a known adult who cares about them will be on site, she would love to have some CPC friends there!

### SUMMER CHOIR

Love to sing but can't commit to weekly rehearsals? We have just the thing for you – Summer Choir! We'll meet at 8:30am to rehearse familiar pieces and then bring them as an offering in worship. Want to practice ahead of time? Email Ted and he'll send you the sheet music and even an MP3 file to sing along with. Join us for one date or all three.

June 23rd July 21st August 18th





# SUMMER ATTRACTIONS @ CPC



#### Summer Sermon Series

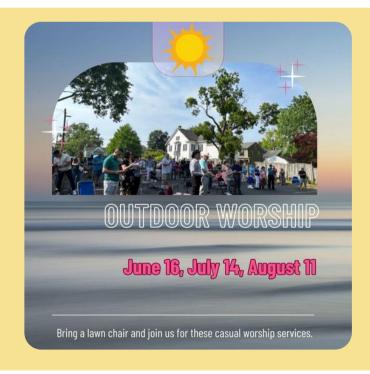
The draw of Broadway is real – the music, the dancing, the cast of characters! We leave inspired! This summer join us we take another look at some of these hit shows and make connections with our faith. You might even dance your way out of worship! Have a friend that loves theatre – this is a great time to invite them to join you at CPC!

**Q** Fun summer worship

"The world was no doubt made, that it might be a theatre of the divine glory." John Calvin

We're moving out of building but we'll still be in God's Sanctuary as we worship outdoors on select Sundays this summer.
Bring a comfy chair or blanket and join us as we take the good news to the streets! All are welcome!

June 16, July 14, August 11





#### **Flat Jesus is Back!**

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CPC has been having adventures with Flat Jesus now for several years! Let's make Summer 2024 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) and we'll keep you updated on all his adventures online!







#### JUNE Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

Do you know that since September, there have been 27 weeks of Sunday School Classes and this year over 45 children have been enrolled? It's time to say a big thank you to all of our teachers and bless them as they rest up over the summer. Join us in worship as we share in communion and 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. Let us know of your interest! email office@clintonpresbyterian.net





#### Senior Sunday Recognition

There's a whole lot happening Sunday June 16 - it's Father's Day, our first outdoor worship service, kick off of our Broadway series AND it's the day we get to honor our High School Seniors as they mark graduation and enter into a new chapter. Don't miss this opportunity to bless our Seniors and surround them with prayer.





#### Pedals for Progress 9am - 12pm

We are looking forward to hosting another Pedals for Progress event on Saturday June 15, from 9amnoon. We'll be accepting used bikes and adults) and sewing machines to be put to use in developing countries. P\$P recycles these bicycles and sewing machines for use in the developing word. Since 1991 they have collected over 166,000 bicycles and 6153 sewina machines. To learn more about P4P visit <u>www.p4p.org</u>. Please spread the word!





#### Sight & Sound -Daniel!



We're heading for Lancaster, PA, to catch Sight and Sound's Production of Daniel! If you've never been to the Sight and Sound Theatre, you are in for a real treat! This immersive experience brings the biblical story to life. We plan to carpool from CPC (leaving at 11am). We'll have lunch together and then catch the 3pm show before hearing back to Clinton. We have only tickets reserved so snag yours today. Tickets are \$75.05 per ticket for adults and \$42 for children.



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#### Beneduce's Outing

Last year we had a perfect summer night at Beneduce's and we are looking forward to more of the same! Our very own Ted Brancato will be on stage with the Blue Soul Group and we'll be eating and dancing the night away. The cover charge for the venue is \$10.00. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.









REGISTER/VOLUNTEER



Vacation Bible School July 22 — July 26, 2024 5:30pm — 8:00pm

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

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the everflowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

#### 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

# AUGUST





#### **Great Decisions**



Come inside for the AC and join us for dinner and conversation at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Our topic this month will be about "Understanding Indonesia" – please reach out if you would like to join!



Summer Supper at the Manse - 6:00pm



Beat the dog days of summer with an evening at the manse. David will be on the grill and you don't need to bring a thing! All ages are welcome!





Blessing of the Backpacks



As summer draws to a close, we invite our kids to bring their backpacks to church for a special blessing! We'll pray for our students and their families as well as all those who will be a part of their school day from bus drivers and teachers to crossing guards and administrators.



## SEPTEMBER





#### 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 up and catch swap stories. Don't summer miss it! Start thinking about what you might want to bring and watch for a sign up in July!



#### ALL CHURCH DAY OF SERVICE

First we'll worship, then we'll eat and get to work! Our mission team is planning a number of service projects for us locally so CPCers can take the streets to serve our neighbors. There will be something for all ages and all abilities so mark your calendars now to join us. Think we can get over 70 volunteers? We do!

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



#### FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Class is back in session for all ages starting September 15. Watch for more details on how to register kids as the date gets closer.







#### **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