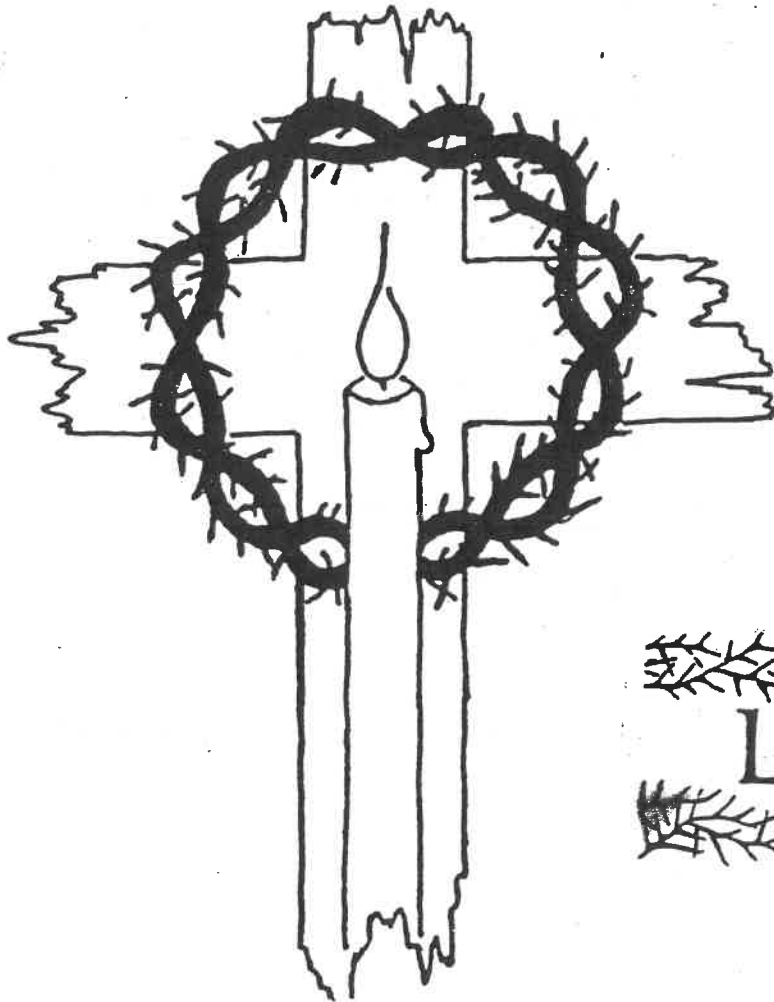


# Meeting House Memos

MARCH, 2020



THE NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



LENT

And There Was Darkness



### ***Lines from Leigh***

*Thank you all for your kindness and the many memories I take with me as this interim time comes to an end. It has been a blessing to get to know you and spend time together in worship and work. God has richly gifted all of you for service to CPC and the wider world. John and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as the next phase of your rich mission and ministry unfolds. It has been a gift to walk along this part of life's path with you.*

*Blessings in Christ,  
Leigh*



### **Welcome to our new pastor...**

We look forward to welcoming Rev. Anna Cooper as the new pastor of our church. Anna and her husband, David, will be arriving in Mountainside the first week of March. Her first Sunday in our pulpit will be on March 8. Please come worship with us to welcome Rev. Cooper as she begins her ministry with us.



**Session:**

**Attendance**

Jan. 5	58	Feb. 2	54
Jan. 12	44	Feb. 9	100
Jan. 19	32	Feb. 16	34
Jan. 26	<u>48</u>	Feb. 23	<u>55</u>
Totals	182		240



Session has called a **Special Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, March 15 for the purpose of electing an elder for a one year term to replace an elder who resigned.

Sara Meissner, Clerk

**Trustee's  
March 2020**

February has been good to us and we can only hope that March will be the same. The Trustee's have remained busy and will continue to be busy in March. On the completed list is the painting of the Assembly Room, the shampooing of the Memorial Room Carpet, as well as dealing with boiler issues and a flat roof leak. Fortunately all has gone well.

As we move into the start of March we are all hands on deck in preparation for the arrival of Pastor Anna Cooper. The Pastor's office will get a fresh coat of paint and the carpet will be shampooed. The manse will see some attention as well involving some painting and carpet cleaning. We have also cleaned up the side of the driveway that has been an eye sore for years by adding large stones and removing loose plants and fallen slates. As soon as the weather warms up, the roof and vinyl siding will be cleaned of moss, but this must wait for the needed equipment to come back from winter storage!

In future months we will be considering some additional parking lot and front driveway repairs. These projects will be scheduled for summer.

As always, if you see an issue around the church please don't hesitate to contact us!

Greg Meissner



**From Pastor Erika Beer-Gerhard**

Erika and her family wish to thank the Session, staff and congregation for receiving Wolfgang Gerhard's remains,, as well as for the exceptional Celebration Service of his life. Wolfgang was an honorary member for several years at the church while Erika was doing her student ministry, and some time afterwards. CPC, with relationships therein, is still home to us. We deeply appreciate all who attended and helped give Wolfgang a sacred interment and proper send off. The Lord Jesus Christ was pleased with your kindness and generosity! And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me". Mat. 25:40.

Our appreciation to the kind ladies from the Women's Association who laid out a wonderful spread, enabling our family and friends to break bread together so we might remember how we were comforted with each other's presence.

Finally, we wish to express our appreciation for Pastor Leigh's hospitality, The Rev. Dr. Christopher Belden's moving eulogy, and for Laurie Thomas and Reid's outstanding music offerings at the Memorial Service.

With gratitude and Godspeed, Erika, Gabe and Kai



Saturday, March 14, 2020  
6:30pm

Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

**Starters**

**Corned Beef and Cabbage**

**Bangers and Mash**

**Vegetables**

**Desserts**

**Soft Drinks, Beer, Wine**

**\$25.00 per person/\$10.00 Children 12 and under**

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Reserve by 3/8/2020 using form below. Payment must accompany reservation. Reservations capped at 70 persons.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Children

Payment enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	THANK SPRING			

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**EVERY SUNDAY**  
10:30 AM  
Worship Service  
11:30 AM  
Coffee Hour

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
8:30 AM  
Nursery School

**THURSDAY**  
6:30 PM  
Bell Choir  
7:30 PM  
Chancel Choir

*Spring Forward*



Congregational Meeting

Book Group 1:30 pm

Men's Luncheon 12:30 pm

Trustees 7:00 PM

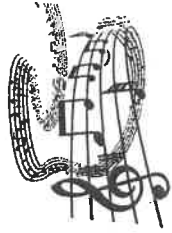
Session 7:00 PM

St. Patrick's Day Dinner 6:30PM

WA Lenten Brunch 10:30 AM



Newsletter deadline: Monday, March 30th





## ***Easter Flowers***



If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary with beautiful flowers for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or leave in the church office no later than **Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please attach a check for the correct amount, made payable to "Community Presbyterian Church" and on the memo line write "Flower Fund." An order form must accompany your payment!

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips (\$11).....# of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils (\$11)..... # of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Lilies (\$13.50).....# of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Women's Association**

**Book Group:** March 16th at 1:30 pm at the home of Connie Fayen (1032 Sunny Slope Dr). The book being discussed is "The Honey Bus" by Meredith May.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!**

**Lenten Brunch:** Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 AM in the Assembly Room. RSVP forms can be found in your Sunday bulletin and in the Narthex.

**Game Night:** Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM in the Assembly Room.

**MISSING - Several cloth table covers used for coffee hours.** The attempt to reduce our use of disposable plastics was initiated by the Deacons and has been supported by the Women's Association with the purchase of several different sets of colors. Missing as of 2/19/20 are: (1) white round; (2) apple red round; (2) apple red rectangular. If you have taken them home for washing, please return them to the storage bin on the kitchen counter so that others may use them. Thank you!





## **Do You Want to Fast This Lent?**

**Fast from hurting words and say kind words**

**Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude**

**Fast from anger and be filled with patience**

**Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope**

**Fast from worries and have trust in God**

**Fast from pressures and be prayerful**

**Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity**

**Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy**

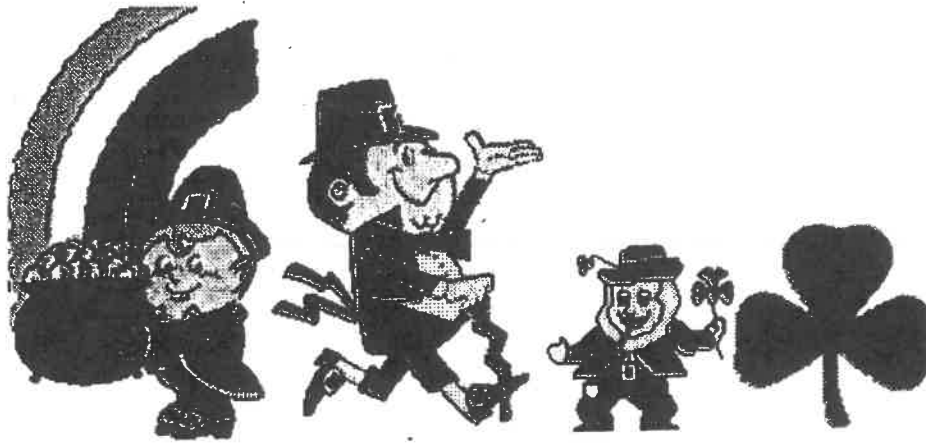
**Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others**

**Fast from grudges and be reconciled**

**Fast from words and be silent so you can listen**

**Pope Francis**





**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

4	Luke Hoydich	25	Julie Fristensky
5	Gary Cantagallo	29	Chrissy Souder
10	Bonnie Canevari	31	Kristin Joham Blaylock
24	Connie Fayen		
	Andi Hoy		
	Laurie Weeks Thomas		



**IN MEMORIAM**

**RUTH DIMMICK**

**MABEL CONNER**



## CHURCH MOUSE.....

.....The Women's Association enjoyed "Ladies' Night Out" at Sorrento's in Westfield last week. Pastor Leigh was presented with a cake and thank you gift for her service these last 18 months. We wish her well in her new locale!

.....We have three new addresses for you:

Pat Hanigan  
Avalon at Bridgewater - Room 105  
565 Route 28, Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
[p.hanigan@verizon.net](mailto:p.hanigan@verizon.net)  
908-405-7566 (cell)

Ruth Ortolf  
5379 N Sierra Vista Dr.  
Crystal River, FL 34428

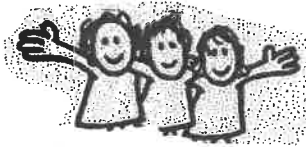
Evelyne Holcombe  
c/o J. Joham  
1 Salter Court, Manalapan, NJ 07726  
908-419-8181



.....In our prayers continue to be Evelyne Holcombe, the Schoenknecht family, Aaron Taylor as he begins another round of chemotherapy, Joanne Gepp's sister-in-law, Diana Harnden, and Rev. Gillis' friend in Puerto Rico, Mary Blanco.

.....Our sympathy to the Dimmick family on the passing of Ruth. A memorial service will be held here on Saturday, April 4 as 12 noon.

.....Spring is coming soon, even if we have all of March to go - Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8th - don't forget to change your clocks!



Happy Spring from your editors 3,  
Bobbie, Sandy & Sara

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