

Meeting House Memos



OCTOBER, 2019

THE NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



YOU

ARE INVITED TO WORLD COMMUNION

PEOPLE "WILL COME FROM EAST AND WEST, AND FROM NORTH
AND SOUTH, AND SIT AT THE TABLE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD."



World
Communion
Sunday





Community Presbyterian Church

Of Mountainside

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful September we have had! I pray that worship and service were both enriching for us all. Not much feeds the soul more than "doing" for others, and we have been able to do that with contributions for hurricane relief, using the "blessings bags," and participating in the RISE AGAINST HUNGER event. I hope the latter will be something you continue annually! It's a meaningful inter-generational "faith in action" event that is so much FUN!

Worship every Sunday morning is designed to be thematic and meaningful, but September 29 was over-the-top in "something for everyone." I know that the various music, stories and scriptures spoke to each one of you. We are blessed with such talent in the music area that the choir was easily able to lead us all in rich hymn-singing. Their anthems, as well, were moving and powerful. Thanks to Joseph and all who helped make this proclamation of the Word in song special!

The confirmation of this year's class crowned the day. It has been my joy to study and share my faith with these 5 young people, and now they are official members of the CPC congregation. Please continue to nurture them, and to let THEM nurture YOU as all of us continue our journeys of faith. They are Jackson Conklin, Jorja Conklin, Brenna Falso, Mia Galm and Olivia Giordano.

This month begins with World Communion Sunday October 6. We should be mindful of sisters and brothers in the faith each time we receive the sacrament, but this Sunday is an intentional time of awareness and thankfulness for Christians around the globe. Please prayerfully prepare for this time and be present as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

When I am on vacation October 27 you are blessed to have Rev. Caroline Jinkins in the pulpit. I know you will appreciate her time with you, and I will look forward to our All Saints celebration the first Sunday of November.

Blessings in Christ,

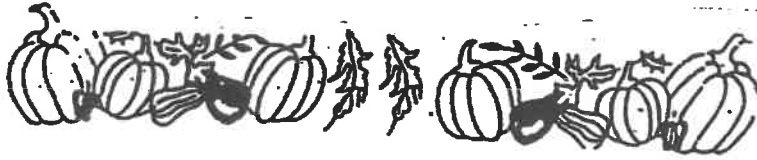
Pastor Leigh

"If you only look at us, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious Message [the gospel] around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us."

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 *The Messaeg Bible*

SESSION —	Attendance
September 1	31
September 8	69
September 15	75
September 22	60
September 29	77
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Total	312

Sara Meissner
Clerk of Session



FROM THE TREASURER: Autumn is here, and soon an array of color will adorn our church. Please be sure that your contributions are up to date. Fall means leaves and other maintenance costs. The Stewardship Letter will arrive this season, and I hope you will consider an increase in your pledge. Thank you all for your continued, generous, support and interest!
Louise Sgarro



A Note from Session and the Nominating Committee:

We are presently in the process of selecting nominees for this year's slate of vacant officer positions. If you have anyone to suggest for office positions (Deacon, Elder, Trustee), please feel free to submit their name to Mark Canevari via email at mbcanevari@verizon.net. Thank you!

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Trustee's Report October

Summer Work: We spent the summer freshening and cleaning up interior spaces in the church and replacing some old manse appliances. In the church we had the ceilings in the choir room, choir music/robing room, and chapel repaired of cracks and painted a bright white. In the manse we replaced the refrigerator and faulty electric stove. This may sound simple, but the appliance replacement turned into a major project that required door removal as well as emergency counter top trimming by our very own Brian Kinney (a big thanks to Brian)!

September Work: After some summer heartache we were able to not only get the floors cleaned and waxed but we were able to get Roberto, our beloved church sexton, to return! We had an annual boiler and heating system inspection. The good news that two minor valve replacements were all that was required. Now we wait for cold weather to actually test the system!

October-November Plans: The big project ahead is cleaning up the church grounds, Memorial Garden, and lowering windows in the sanctuary and assembly room for winter. This year, after some anguish, we set the fall cleanup day for Saturday, November 2, with a rain date of November 9. As always we will begin at 9:00 AM, and lunch will be served at 12:00 PM. We are happy to report that once again Boy Scout troop 177 will be here to help! Please join us for this important work and fellowship time.

Greg Meissner



From the Deacons:

Looking to Give Back to Those in Need?

October 25th – Family Promise Program. Seeking one or two people to make one dinner for a family experiencing homelessness. Meatloaf and mashed potatoes is an example of what is needed. Contact Julianne Boyce Podolski at 908-656-5138.

Give the Holiday's Greater Meaning and Purpose. *Here is What's Coming Up...*

Donate a turkey or a chicken for a family in need of food for Thanksgiving. If available for transportation and delivery to St. Elizabeth's Church in Elizabeth, NJ the morning of 11/25, please contact Leigh Peter at 908-514-9474.



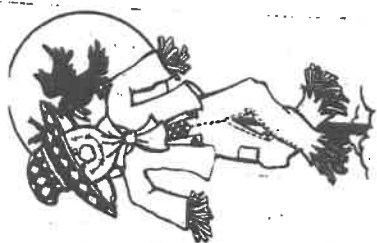
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Community Presbyterian Church is having a birthday! Sixty-five years ago on October 10, 1954, the church was formally organized. The initial membership consisted of 205 charter members from 105 families. We will honor this landmark at coffee hour after the church service on October 6th. Please join us!

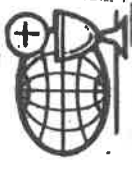











Nursery School News

We extend a friendly WELCOME to Karen Evers, the new director of our nursery school. Karen grew up in Mountainside, and currently lives in Springfield with her husband and two daughters. Karen, who is certified by NJ to teach preschool through grade eight, has a Masters Degree in special education. She has worked as an educator for the past 24 years, with experience as a classroom teacher, special education teacher, nursery school teacher, and most recently, as director of Holy Cross Nursery School in Springfield. The Nursery School Board is pleased to have someone with her experience and expertise leading our preschool. We wish Karen well as she assumes her new role with us.



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Communion 	7	8 Presbytery	9 Women's Assoc. Dinner 6:30 PM	10 	11	12 
13 Blessing of the Animals 2:00PM	14 COLUMBUS DAY 	15 Lunch with Leigh 12:30 pm	16 Trustees 7:00 PM	17 	18	19
20	21 Book Group 1:30 PM 	22	23 Deacons 7:00 PM	24 	25 Family Promise	26 
27 Halloween Party 	28 Men's Group 12:15 pm	29	30	31 Halloween 	Looking Ahead Work Day—November 2	

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



From the Women's Association

- Fall Fitness Tune-up - beginning **Tuesdays, October 1st through October 29th at 6:30 pm** in the Assembly Room. Hope Saladino will lead us in a 45-minute journey to strengthen, stretch and flex our bodies. Please wear clothes that will stretch with you and bring a yoga mat and a small towel. A one-time donation of any size to the Women's Association will be appreciated. Thank you and see you there!
- Lunch with Leigh – **Tuesday, October 15th** – Meet in the Memorial Room at 12:30pm and we will carpool to a nearby restaurant for fun and casual conversation.
- Election Day Good Eats & Treats Sale - **Tuesday, Nov. 5th** – please support this fundraiser by baking or making something. Proceeds are donated to local food banks. Donations can be dropped off at the church the day before, Monday, between 5-8pm. Start baking and freezing your specialties! Contact Diane McCurdy if you can help in any way at dianmccurdy@gmail.com or 908-400-1486.
- Volunteers are needed to help with all our activities. Volunteer forms were included with the September mailing and can be left in the church office.

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION – Nov. 3

On All Saints Sunday, November 3, we will have a visual celebration of all the saints gone before us. Please bring 1+ flowers – your choice of number and type – to celebrate the lives of all whom you wish to honor. We will also have extra flowers available in the narthex.

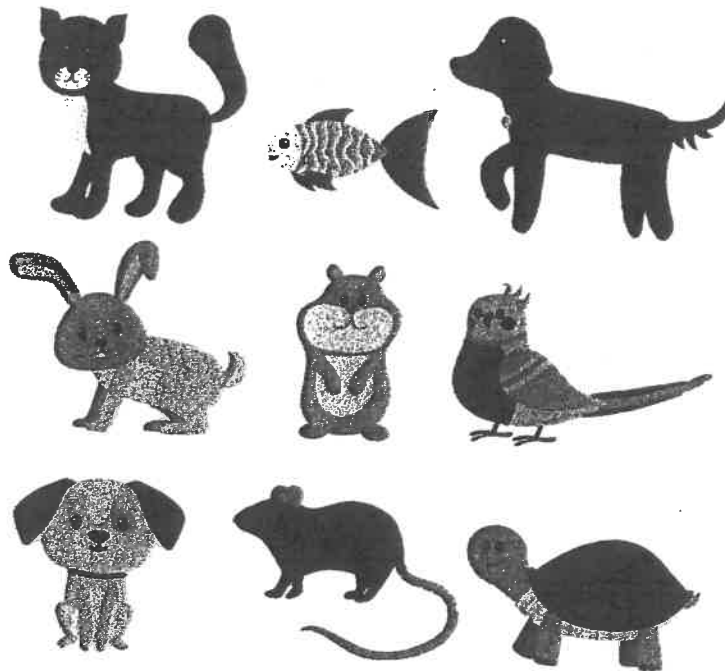
You will receive a piece of paper that day on which to note names if you wish. Following the sermon, we will bring forward flowers and lists to lay them on the table in remembrance of those gone before. You will be able to spend a moment or two there before returning to your pew.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

CPC will have a Blessing of the Animals Oct. 13
at 2 p.m. in the front circular driveway
(weather permitting). Inside in case of rain.
Please come and bring your favorite canine,
feline or other portable pet. Invite your
friends and neighbors!

PETS



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Barbara Seeman
- 5 Nancy Canevari
- 10 Doris Jerome
- 11 Andrew Canevari
- 14 Wayman Everly
- Susan Hain
- 15 Judy Kersey

- 17 Judy Carson
- 18 Bob Britton
- 19 Ray Steinberg
- 20 Peter Canevari
- 29 Tess Perrin
- 30 Nick Bradshaw

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Patrick & Laurie Weeks Thomas
- 19 Andy and Nancy Hoydich
- 22 Wayne & Kristy Weeks Boyce

**Children's Letters
to God**

Dear God:

Who draws the lines
around the countries?

Nan

Dear God:

Thank you for my
baby brother, but
what I prayed for
was a puppy.

Joy

Dear God:

Did you mean for the
giraffe to look like that or
was it an accident?

Norma

Dear God:

Instead of letting people
die and having to make new
ones, why don't you just keep
the ones you have?

Jane



CHURCH MOUSE.....

.....September started off with a wonderful outdoor picnic - thanks to all who helped with this event. It was a lovely day and a nice time for fellowship.

.....The first "Fifth Sunday Festival" was something different and enjoyed by everyone.

.....Congratulations to our confirmands - Jackson and Jorja Conklin, Brenna Falso, Mia Galm and Olivia Giordano. We are happy they have joined the church and look forward to their future participation.

....."Rise Against Hunger" was a huge success! Over 60 participants packed over 10,000 meals! It was a wonderful outreach project and fun as well! The Boy Scouts were a huge help participating as "runners" as well as doing lots of heavy lifting for us. Everyone should be proud of our efforts!

.....In our prayers are Wolfgang Gerhard, Evelyn Keller, Barbara and Tom Knierim, Jeanette Robinson, the Schoenknecht family, Aaron Taylor, Andy Thompson, and Ann Zakovic.

.....Our sympathy to Chris Belden and family on the loss of his dad, Erasmus, who died at the age of 100!

.....Fall has arrived and our calendars are filling up. We hope you will participate in one of the many activities here at CPC. Ushers and coffee hour hosts are always needed, so keep that in mind when planning your month ahead. You can sign up online at Sign Up Genius or call the church office at 908-232-9490 to volunteer.

.....If there is anything you would like included in a future newsletter, please let one of the editors know or leave the information in the church office. The deadline for the November newsletter is October 28th at 10 am.

Your editors three,
Bobbie, Sandy and Sara



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