

Meeting House Memos



September, 2019

THE NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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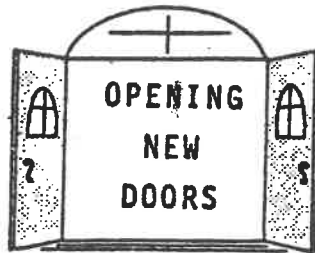


Community Presbyterian Church

MOUNTAINSIDE, N. J.

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CHOIR



Handbells

Volunteer!





LINES FROM LEIGH...

Dear friends,

Welcome to September! There are so many exciting things going on this month that we wanted you to have a "heads up" about them, so are producing this abbreviated newsletter. We hope it will be meaningful for you and that you will take advantage of prior notice on these things to invite someone to attend worship with you.

The BIG thing to remember is that worship returns to 10:30 a.m. on September 8.

Let's RISE AGAINST HUNGER! Please be ready to feed the masses as we package meals for 10,000+ on Sept. 15 after worship. Dress comfortably for the day, and you will be given thorough instructions about your particular task, no matter what age you are. This is truly a fun event and yields such bountiful results.

Fifth Sunday Festival on Sept. 29 will also be a first here at CPC. The service will consist mostly of the gospel proclaimed through music, old and new, and is also Confirmation Sunday. Please come support this quarterly time of special music and worship.

I was once at a conference where the speaker challenged the laypersons in the audience. "If the pew next to you is empty, whose job is it to fill it?" The answer is not "the pastor." This fall, may we make a concerted effort to reach out to folks not currently in a church. New neighbors have moved in on practically every street nearby, and it is our job to welcome and warmly invite them to come sit with us in worship. After the summer lull, let us be ready for a fall of new life in the church, even as the leaves fall around us.

Blessings in Christ,

Leigh

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice." Philippians 4:4



SEPT. 15

is our Rise

Against Hunger!

Come to worship dressed comfortably for the packaging event following. We will package 10,000+ meals.



Rise Against Hunger meal packaging volunteers produce millions of nutritious meals annually that are then distributed to partners in countries around the world. Through our thorough monitoring and evaluation process, we ensure the meals distributed by those partners are used as a tool to change lives by promoting education, improving students' health and nutrition, addressing gender inequalities, stimulating economic growth and fighting child labor.

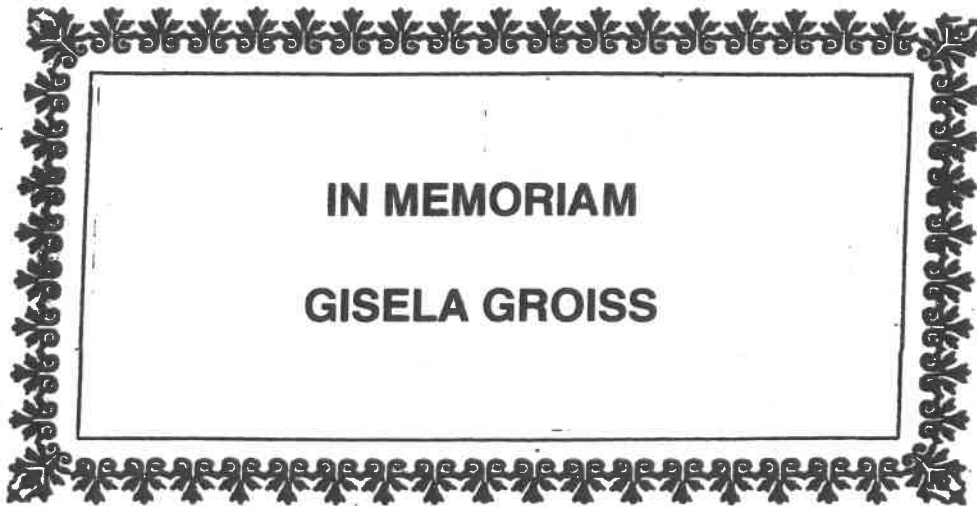


SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9 David Belden
11 Joseph Hill
12 Karole Fristensky
17 John Drobny
Lizette Gomez
20 Leslie Weeks
Sandy Everly
21 Bart Christopher Barre
27 Rick Giordano
29 Scott Kersey
Amanda Galm
30 Evelyn Holcombe

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 Diane & Jack McCurdy
15 Lee & Gerry Christensen
30 Marjorie & Manny Pires





Women's Association

Welcome to the upcoming fall season at CPC. The Women's Association has some great programs this year!

Come join us for a fall Fitness tune-up, beginning Tuesdays, October 1st, through November 5th 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!

SAVE THE DATE! Our Fall Dinner and General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm at Mosaico Restaurant this year. Please save the date on your calendars!

More information regarding menu and price per person will be in our mailing which you should receive sometime after Labor Day, along with our calendar of events for 2019-2020.

We hope to see you there!

Judy Kersey, Moderator
Connie Fayen, Treasurer
Sandy Burdge, Member-at-Large

Kristy Boyce, Vice Moderator
Marjory Bradshaw, Secretary
Diane McCurdy, Ex-Officio Member

BOOK GROUP: The book group will meet at 1:30 pm on Monday, September 16th, at the home of Sara Meissner, 1116 Sylvan Lane. We will be discussing "Himself" by J. Kidd.



Welcome Back



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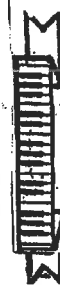
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship at 10:00 AM	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7 10:00 AM Confirmands Meet
8 10:30AM Open House Sunday and Picnic	9	10	11 Paint Day Trustees 7:00 PM	12 	13	14
15 Rise Against Hunger	16 Book Group 1:30 PM	17	18 Session 7:00 PM	19	20	21
22	23 Autumn Begins	24	25 Deacons 7:00 PM	26 	27	28
29 Fifth Sunday Festival and Confirmation	30 Men's Group 12:15 Newletter Deadline					

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM
Nursery School

THURSDAY
5:00 PM
Children's Choir
6:30 PM
Bell Choir
7:30 PM
Chancel Choir



Our Sunday worship time changes on Sept. 8 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. This is Open House and back-to-church Sunday. Of course, our church is ALWAYS open to all, but we welcome all of our neighbors to come for worship and the picnic after. Hope to see you all on that special day!

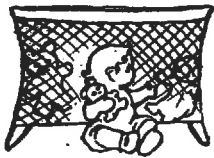




FROM THE TREASURER: Our warm and busy Summer is almost done, and Fall is right around the corner, so please be sure that your pledges are up to date. We have done a lot of work on our church, grounds, and manse, with more to come. I hope you will consider an increase when you receive your Stewardship Letter. Also, the 2020 Capital Fund is still open for contributions! Thank you all for your ongoing, generous support,
Louise Sgarro

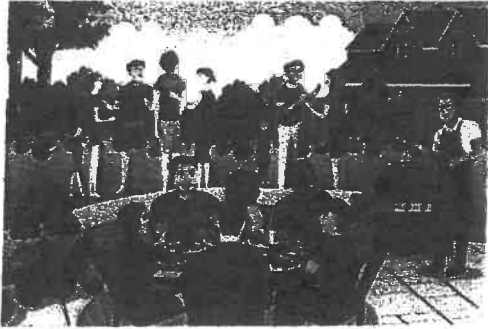


UPDATE FROM YOUR PNC: Last week the Session approved the Ministry Information Form (MIF). The next step is to submit the MIF to the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery for its approval. Members of the PNC will meet with the COM on September 5th.



Volunteers are needed to help with a nursery/ childcare during Sunday Church Services. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a contribution to the church that would allow parents of younger children to join the congregation in Sunday worship. Confirmands are eligible to assist with nursery/childcare. Please contact Roxann Haggerty if you are willing to help Phone 908 654 3905 Text 908 403 2969.

Fall Welcome-back and Open House



**Community
Presbyterian Church
1459 Deer Path,
Mountainside**

10:30 a.m. Sunday, September 8, 2019

Come, join us for:

- ~ a welcoming atmosphere**
- ~ joyful worship and talented musicians**
- ~ registration for children's Sunday School**
- ~ delicious BBQ chicken, fixins, and conversation**
- ~ and more...**

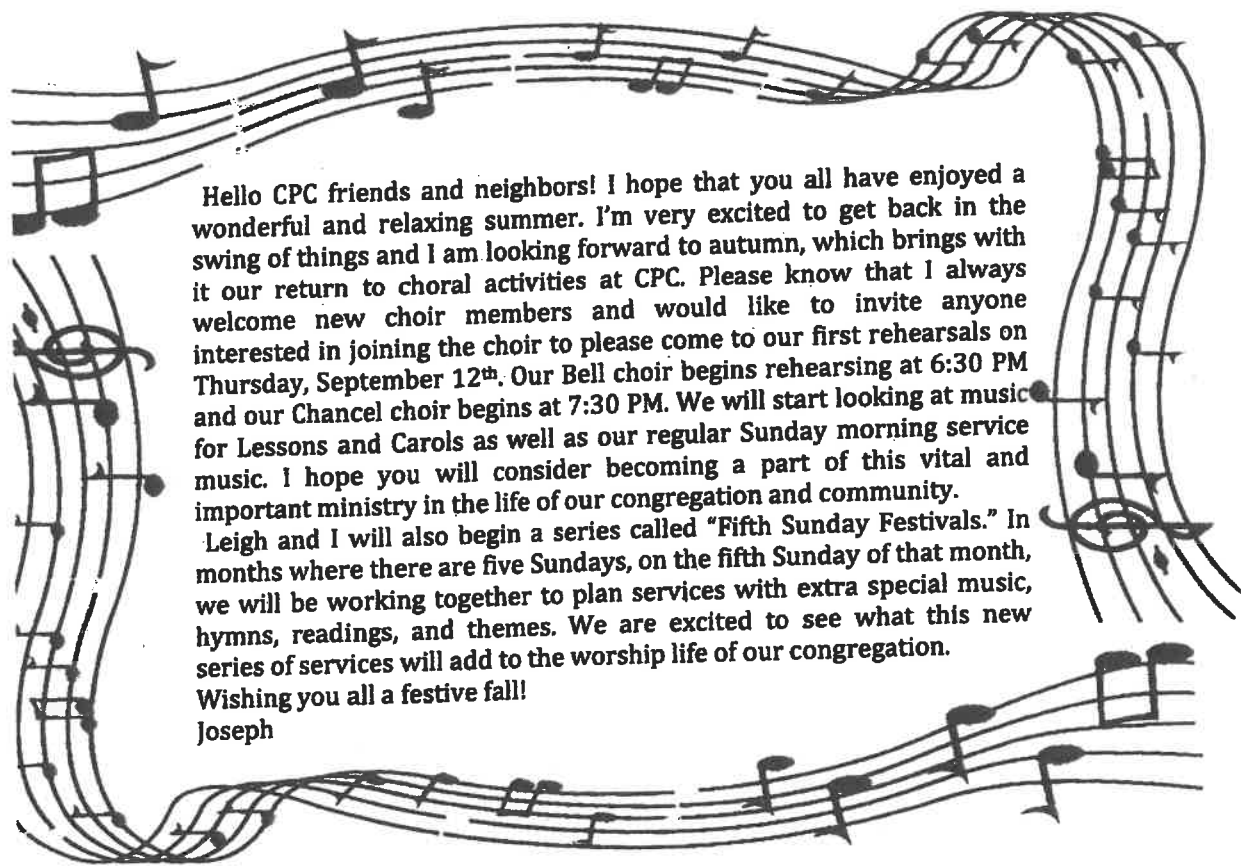


Call church office for details or other info: 908-232-9490

SESSION— Attendance

June 2	63	July 7	26	August 4	30
June 9	84	July 14	31	August 11	37
June 16	28	July 21	25	August 18	45
June 23	57	July 28	31	August 25	19
June 30	20				

Sara Meissner, Clerk of Session



Hello CPC friends and neighbors! I hope that you all have enjoyed a wonderful and relaxing summer. I'm very excited to get back in the swing of things and I am looking forward to autumn, which brings with it our return to choral activities at CPC. Please know that I always welcome new choir members and would like to invite anyone interested in joining the choir to please come to our first rehearsals on Thursday, September 12th. Our Bell choir begins rehearsing at 6:30 PM and our Chancel choir begins at 7:30 PM. We will start looking at music for Lessons and Carols as well as our regular Sunday morning service music. I hope you will consider becoming a part of this vital and important ministry in the life of our congregation and community.

Leigh and I will also begin a series called "Fifth Sunday Festivals." In months where there are five Sundays, on the fifth Sunday of that month, we will be working together to plan services with extra special music, hymns, readings, and themes. We are excited to see what this new series of services will add to the worship life of our congregation. Wishing you all a festive fall!

Joseph



CHURCH MOUSE.....

.....Welcome back from summer! Hope you had some relaxing and fun times. There are lots of activities in which you can participate - hopefully, you will join in several of them.

.....We are looking forward to welcoming back our wonderful choir - they have been missed!

.....Thanks to Connie Fayen for once again hosting the Women's Association annual June Picnic - a good time was had by all!

.....Vacation Bible School was very well received - thanks to Bonnie Canevari and her crew. It was a wonderful experience for those children.

.....Volunteers are needed to usher and to host future coffee hours - please sign up with Sign Up Genius link.

.....In our prayers are Erasmus Belden, Wolfgang Gerhard, Jeannette Robinson, the Schoenknecht family, Aaron Taylor and Ann Zakovic.

.....Our sympathy to the Groiss family on the passing of Gisela.

.....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. Deadline for the October issue is September 30th.



Your editors three,
Bobbie, Sandy, and Sara

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