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# The Courier

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## Community Church in Harrington Park

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Dear Friends,

On January 6, a group of largely white men went to a place where they weren't supposed to be and didn't belong. They were under the direction of an extreme narcissist who attempted to use the occasion to stay in power. In the aftermath of the event, it was clear the nation would never be the same. Yes, on January 6, all that happened when the Magi, intellectuals from outside of Israel, visited the baby Jesus at the urging of King Herod, while under orders to report back to him. Or at least January 6 is when we celebrate the Wisemen's coming each year.

Of course, we will remember January 6 for another problematic event. While we may not be reading about it 2000 years from now, if current geopolitical alignments remain about the same, I suspect we will be reading about it 100 years from now.

These two January 6ths present an interesting juxtaposition. They are both jarring and are meant to be so. Matthew tells us that "Herod was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him." And of course, in the aftermath of the first anniversary of the Capitol insurrection, much has been written about the coming apart of the United States – the chattering class is frightened, and all America with them.

Yet, ultimately, maybe a little less than 30 years after the Magi's visit to the toddler Jesus, it became clear that this child was meant to bring about reconciliation – the bringing back of the world to God, and the bringing back of people to each other. Have you ever had a spouse, friend or family member with whom you've had a serious falling out? You eventually get back together emotionally, and it's such a relief and a joy. This is reconciliation, and it's what Jesus brings about on a grand scale – our coming together with God and people. This



A meeting for all Guild for  
Christian Service Members  
Tuesday, February 8, 2022  
at 7:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

If you are interested to join our  
meeting email Anne McBride at:

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## Pastor's Letter(cont'd)

business of reconciliation of which these foreign astronomers/astrologers had a sneak peek is a big deal!

Folks, we Christians are faced with an interesting choice. Today there are so many voices driving us apart: CNN, MSNBC, Fox, OAN, the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Mitch McConnell, Kevin McCarthy, Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, Donald Trump, Joe Biden, the guy with the Let's Go Brandon bumper sticker, AOC and her "tax the rich" dress. When you live in such an environment, you can't but help be a little on edge all the time; and it's really hard to keep from being recruited and radicalized into an unholy divide-and-conquer mindset. And so, a big question during this season is: which January 6 are we going to allow to take up residence in us? Will it be the one that celebrates reconciliation, or the one that tries to lure us into division?

It's a privilege to serve Him with you.



**INSTALLATION SUNDAY:** On January 16, 2022, we were delighted to ordain and install Keith Michels as a deacon and install Chris Novak as an elder to the consistory. Les Cox, Craig Budinich and Jeff Ciavaglia will be installed to their respective offices on January 23rd.

**UNITY PRAYER:** Lord, much as the wise men offered you their gifts, may we offer you the gift of our hearts as we worship, praise, and glorify Your name.

### OUTREACH NINA POND



The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for donating gift cards for Family Promise, a Bergen County non-profit we have supported for years. The total of \$450 was collected. Your gifts helped illustrate the Community Church's commitment to helping neighbors in need.



### ***Want to be Prepared?***

Something that none of us likes to think about is planning our own funeral.

But, think of how much easier it will be on your family members if you give them a guide to follow.

Forms are available in the church office to help you do just that.

If you're interested, call Lori Anders in the church office at 201-768-2457 or email her at [cchp@verizon.net](mailto:cchp@verizon.net)

THE 2022 **FLOWER CALENDAR** is on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. Make your check out to the Guild for Christian Service. Fill out a slip with your dedication wording and leave it on the desk in the church office.

## FINANCE

JOAN HOERAUF & LES COX

Happy New Year to everyone from your 2022 Finance Committee – Joan Hoerauf, Chairman and Les Cox

Hopefully 2022 will be a better year for all of us. Thank you to everyone for keeping up with your giving during 2021. We finished on a positive note.

We have sent out the new counting schedule for 2022. We appreciate your dedication to this most important job necessary for the week-to-week operations of our church.

If you do not have envelopes for the offering and would like one, please let either Lori, Les Cox or Joan Hoerauf know and we will get them to you.



## PUPPETS

JOAN HOERAUF



Hoping all my little puppeteers are doing well. I miss you and so do the puppets. Can't wait until we can get back together again. Once Sunday School starts again puppets will start.

Any questions, please call Joan Hoerauf (201) 768-0733

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MINISTRY

SANDY BENNINGTON



A Women's Ministry Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 4 at 9:30 am. We are planning that it will be held in-person in Founders Hall! More information to come at a later date.

## MUSIC PROGRAM

AMY DURAN



The Chancel Choir hopes to begin with regular rehearsals starting Thursday, February 3, 2022. We hope everyone is enjoying our men's choral arrangements, women's chorale solos and smaller group performances. We are always looking for new members, all are welcome.

## GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

We are looking forward to February with our upcoming **CHILI SALE!**



## CIRCLE MEETING

DEBORAH SISTERS



We met Tuesday, Jan. 11th using the Zoom Meet for approximately 60-90 minutes. We took time to socialize and share personal news, then an opening prayer to quiet our hearts, our leader then discussed Guild business, the Spiritual Leader presented the Bible lesson, and lastly a sharing of joyful, faithful and concerned prayers.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Guild anniversary in February, which is the month of Love and Sharing. Keep your eyes and ears open for the upcoming events by the Guild of Christian Service—a chili sale, a church wide collection and our upcoming Zoom Meeting for all Circle members and ladies who have an interest in learning more about GCS. We wish to share all the wonderful aspects of the Guild and Circle opportunities.

If you are interested in joining our meeting—please contact Anne McBride by email: [annelmcbride@gmail.com](mailto:annelmcbride@gmail.com). All Women are Welcome!

## WORSHIP

SANAE TOMITA & CHRIS NOVAK

Happy New Year to All,  
Though we have not returned to a 100% normal worship service, we have our Sunday service in the sanctuary with ushers and collecting the offering. Masks & social distancing are recommended inside the church. If you cannot attend, please remember that each worship service is recorded and posted as soon as possible on the CCHP webpage, [www.cchpchurch.org](http://www.cchpchurch.org), and on the church Facebook page.

Looking Ahead:

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Worship Service

March 6 - First Sunday in Lent, Communion service.

Watch for more details in the bulletin and on email regarding Lenten worship services.

## WE SERVE TO PRAISE GOD

Thank you Steve for your constant dedication to God and the congregation; keeping us safe, well and nurtured.

Thank you Lori Anders, for all your hard work and being available 24/7 even when you are not on duty. You keep us all on track and informed.

Thank you, Amy Duran, for bringing the Lord's word to us in any way you can, it is truly inspirational: from piano, to voice, to ensembles, duets and solos. THE SHOW MUST GO ON—Live or Video!!!

Thank you to all those working behind the scenes helping humbly to visit the home bound, calling to check in and dropping a note of encouragement.

Thank you Dennis Novak, our Media Man, giving us the service in the comfort and safety of our home at the drop of a hat!



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

PRAYERS  
of the  
CHURCH

Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Nancy Lanza-lotto; Charles Moorman; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

## CCHP MEN'S MEETING

BOB CARR

Please join the CCHP Men's Group meeting that is held every second Saturday of the month. We currently meet via zoom at 9:00 AM. Our current topic of discussion is the video and study guide, "Becoming a King", by Morgan Snyder.



MEN'S GROUP

  
Sending Our  
SYMPATHY

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our sympathies are extended to Stephanie Budinich and her family on the passing of her mother, Linda Sue Clark, on January 14, 2022.

If you'd like to read the obituary, you may go to [www.pizzifuneralhome.com](http://www.pizzifuneralhome.com) and click on her name on the right side.

**Sunday Service @  
10 am**

Worshipping in

Our Sanctuary

TO PROVIDE INSPIRATION  
AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH



We recommend masks and  
social distancing  
for everyone's safety.

*The Community Church in Harrington Park*  
**January – February, 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>January 23</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>January 24</b> 7:00 Confirmation	<b>January 25</b>	<b>January 26</b>	<b>January 27</b>	<b>January 28</b>	<b>January 29</b>
<b>January 30</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>January 31</b> 7:00 Confirmation	<b>February 1</b> 7:30 Consistory	<b>February 2</b>	<b>February 3</b> 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>February 4</b>	<b>February 5</b> 9:30 Women's Ministry Breakfast
<b>February 6</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>February 7</b> 7:00 Confirmation	<b>February 8</b> 7:30 Guild Mtg. for	<b>February 9</b>	<b>February 10</b> 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>February 11</b> 11:30—3:00 Club 60	<b>February 12</b> 9:00 Men's Group via Zoom
<b>February 13</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>February 14</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i> 7:00 Confirmation	<b>February 15</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>February 17</b> 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>February 18</b>	<b>February 19</b>
<b>February 20</b> 10:00 Worship	 <b>President's Day</b> No Confirmation	<b>February 22</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>February 24</b> 7:30 Chancel Choir	<b>February 25</b>	<b>February 26</b>
<b>February 27</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>February 28</b> 7:00 Confirmation					



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**AT A GLANCE**

FEBRUARY:  
 Black History Month — February 1-28  
 Groundhog Day — February 2  
 Valentine's Day — February 14  
 Presidents' Day — February 21



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***NEXT COURIER DEADLINE:***

***Feb. 6, 2022***