



The Courier

Dear Friends,

Do you remember that scene from Forest Gump, in which his friend Bubba listed everything you could do with shrimp: fried shrimp, boiled shrimp, fricasseed shrimp... Hang onto that for a minute.



FROM OUR PASTOR

There are, apparently, in our area, mushroom farmers. They get these "logs" of growing material embedded with mushroom spores. Those logs are most efficient for the first crop, and then they try to get rid of them. They can make good organic material for your garden. But they'll also continue to produce mushrooms - just not quite as many as on the first go-round.

But still a lot of mushrooms! We got a few of those logs and now have shitake, blue button and little button mushroom coming out of our ears. Jeri made a delicious mushroom soup last night. A few nights ago it was fried mushrooms over pasta. Fried mushrooms, fricasseed mushrooms... We're trying to figure out any new and innovative way we can use mushrooms.

There's a metaphor in there somewhere for the way that God provides for us. If we were to take a look around us - a serious look - we'd see abundance coming out of our ears. Spilling out of our freezers and refrigerators and closets. Protruding from our garages. Maybe even, if we were absolutely honest, from our bank accounts and portfolios. God cares for us in profound, astounding, abounding ways.

As we do a long, back and forth, up and down emergence from COVID, as we step outside our houses to enjoy the good weather, as the shrubs and trees are in bloom, it's worth doing a bit of an inventory to see how well God cares for us. It's all a sign of His amazing love for each one of us and all of us together. It's a privilege to serve Him with you.

Grace and peace,

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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.

WORSHIP

SANAE TOMITA & CHRIS NOVAK

We trust you had joyous Easter at the church and with your families and friends. Thank you to Pastor Sayer, music director, Amy Duran, and the Chancel and Bell Choirs for inspirational Holy Week and Easter worship services. We encourage you to use these weeks in May, leading up to Pentecost, to grow closer to our Risen Lord through prayer and worship.



June 5th is Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday, including the Sacrament of Communion, followed by a special coffee hour to celebrate with our confirmands.

June 12th is the **Communion Breakfast Worship Service** including the scholarship awards. Breakfast will be served from 9:15 - 9:45 AM with worship beginning promptly at 10:00 AM in Founders' Hall. The set-up will include a chairs-only section for those who do not wish to eat and/or sit at tables for the worship service.

We look forward to joining together for these spiritual and celebratory times. Also, thank you to everyone who has ushered during March and April. Please continue to sign up on the volunteer board in the narthex.

Tech Committee - Chris Novak

Thank you to Anne and David McBride for serving on the tech committee since we began in 2015. Once a month (or more), Anne created the slides and David ran the computer during worship. We appreciate their dedication and faithfulness to these tasks and will miss their help and expertise, as well as their presence with us. May God bless them as they move to North Carolina and begin a new and exciting chapter in their lives.

Now, we need more help with tech. Of course, some computer ability is needed, but not as much as you would think. We give great training and support; so if you are interested in working "behind the scenes" creating the worship service slides or running the computer during worship once a month, please contact me at cpn105@optonline.net or 201-768-8762.



A summer Bible Study is scheduled - in person as well as on Zoom - beginning the last week of June and continuing through the first week of August. More details about the study and the days will be coming shortly!

Sandy Bennington

Guild for Christian Service

Attention All Church Women!



The Guild for Christian Service invites you to join us for a special dessert on May 18 at 7:00PM in Founder's Hall. Let's all get together to say good-bye to Anne McBride and have a "chat" and "catch-up". Dessert will be provided.

If you would all put your name on the list in the narthex or let Dot know at abelmanhill@hotmail.com, it would help us with preparations. Do you need a ride? Contact Val Hill at address above.

We will have a short farewell time together with Anne and lots of time for you to say your own good-bye. Please come.



The Guild for Christian Service would like to thank the congregation for their generous response to Blanket Sunday. You can see the blanket itself in the narthex through Sunday, May 15th. We will also be present for more flowers to be placed to honor moms if you missed last Sunday. Church World Service has a wonderful website to check out the outreach they do.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

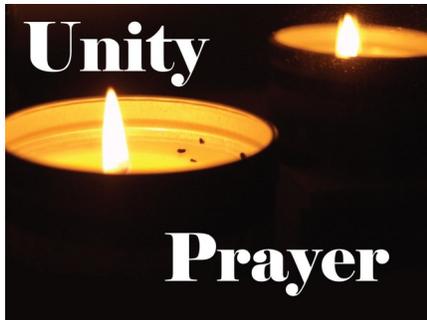
Saturday, May 14th
7:00 PM

Robert Caminiti, former assistant director of "Saturday Night Live" will walk the audience through a SNL episode.

Come and join the fun and laughter.

Do you have a child graduating from 8th grade, high school, college or higher? If so, please let us know by June 1 so we can include their names in our "graduates" listing in June. You can send it via email to cchp@verizon.net or call the church office at 201-768-2457.





We pray, Lord, that we would not stray, but stay and pray to focus on Your will and Your way for our lives.

CCHP MEN'S MEETING
BOB CARR



MEN'S GROUP

Our Men's Group will be meeting at 8:30 AM in-person every 2nd Saturday of each month. Please mark your calendar. Sausage & gravy this week!!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUPPET CLUB (ages 3 and up) meet each Sunday beginning at 10 AM in Founders' Hall. The first half of the session is a Sunday School lesson, and then all the children work with the puppets. Questions about puppets? Feel free to call Miss Joan at (201) 768-0733 or email her at jhoerauf@naihanson.com.



THE NURSERY IS READY!

We are not yet ready to staff the nursery; however, if you would like to bring your little one in there and stay with your child, please feel free to do so. There is a speaker in there that enables you to hear the worship service.



CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY
June 5th



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Sunday ushers/greeters.



We will be saying goodbye to Anne and David McBride as they get ready to move to North Carolina.

Anne began her membership here at CCHP with her confirmation in 1967, and David joined in 1985.

The McBrides have been very active in our church for a long period of time, both believers in serving. Anne has been in

the choir for many years, a leader of Deborah Circle, Courier editor, dedicated CROP Walker, and the list goes on. David has served on consistory twice, and you can often find him somewhere in the building with a paintbrush in his hand. Both have been a vital part of our tech team in recent years. They are “yes” people—when you ask one of them to do something, they say, “Yes!”

We will have a special coffee hour after worship on Sunday, May 22 to bid them, “Adieu.”

We hope you can be here to send them off with your best wishes.

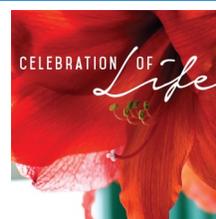


Dear fellow CCHP members,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, cards, meals, phone calls, and caring during my recent hospital stay and recovery.

I am so grateful for each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Hams



A Celebration of Life Service for Meta Stavrand will be held on Friday, June 3rd, 2022 at 2 PM at the Highland Lakes, NJ Clubhouse. Arrangements are under the

direction of the F. John Ramsey Funeral Home. Online condolences may be offered through www.fjohnramseyfuneralhome.com.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Deanna and Roger Carman; Marilyn Hams; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.



The members of the Ramsey Wind Symphony (of which Judy Hunter and Lori Anders are a part) wish to thank the consistory for the use of Founders’ Hall for our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings.

To show our appreciation, we are presenting a concert on Sunday, June 26 at 3 PM in the back lot, corner of Glen Avenue and Dean Street, weather permitting. Bring a chair and enjoy.



It will be cancelled if it rains.



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CPR Event

Saturday, June 4th (10:00 am) or Monday, June 6th (7 pm)

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring two CPR training events on Saturday, June 4th and Monday, June 6th that will be open to the community. CPR is a life-saving skill that can be rendered by almost anyone if performed properly. It is essential to maintain heart activity to ensure the delivery of oxygen to all parts of the body while awaiting emergency First Responders. The Lay Rescuer CPR events will be professionally led by a representative of the Emergency Care & Safety Institute. The \$45 fee for church members or regular attendees will be paid by the church. Pre-registration is required. Please send an e-mail to cchp@verizon.net with your name, e-mail, telephone number and which event (only one) you will attend. The Outreach Committee is happy to sponsor this event.



NEXT COURIER DEADLINE:

June 12 2022