



February 2023

The Courier

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We're in the middle of a really important sermon series right now – maybe the most important that we've done here during my tenure. Hopefully, by the end of it, we'll all have the same sense of who Scripture tells the church we're supposed to be together. That will give us a sense of where we're going as a church. It always helps me to hear these kinds of important things more than once. I'm going to assume the same is true for you. So...



We are becoming people who connect with God in worship. Worship is about connecting with God and offering ourselves to God. We are BEHOLDING GOD.

We are becoming people who practice the love and care of Christ for each other in true fellowship. We live out service and sacrifice for each other by BELONGING TOGETHER.

We are BUILDING FAITH. In other words, we're becoming people who are gradually becoming more Christ-like through discipleship.

And then we're doing the hard work of BEING ONE. We live into the unity that God has already given the church. That means we live as people who are one, not letting barriers of ethnicity, education, economic, theology, or personal feelings divide us.

Those are the first four of our guiding principles – they come straight from the Bible. There are another four that we'll talk about next month. We'll further reinforce these biblical principles by talking about them during Wednesdays in Lent.

A couple Sundays ago we talked about the eight person rowing event that you might see in the Olympics. Four people row an oar on the right side of the boat and four people row an oar on the left. In the back, there's a ninth person – the coxswain. S/he is the one that shouts out, "Stroke, stroke." They don't do much of the work, but they keep everyone rowing at the same time, in the same direction, and keep everybody working together. This sermon series hopefully serves the role of the coxswain. When we're done with it, we will hopefully have a much better idea of who we're supposed to be together and how we're supposed to work together. As we do that, it's a privilege to serve Him with you.

Grace and peace,

COMMUNITY CHURCH

ONE SPRING STREET, HARRINGTON PARK, NJ 07640

Come and Hear the Dramatic New Direction of the Reformed Church

On Saturday, March 4, the Reformed Church in America will be holding three local events dealing with the restructuring of the denomination. These events are designed for participants to hear updates from the restructuring team—what they have been working on, where they are now, and the outcomes which, after much discernment, they feel called to restructure around. Participants will also have the opportunity to provide feedback on what they hear. The local events are:

March 4, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Gardner A. Sage Library at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, New Jersey

March 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Bayside, New York

March 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Community Reformed Church at Manhasset, Manhasset, New York

The Courier, published by the Community Church in Harrington Park
The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor,
Office--201-768-2457;
Cell--570-656-1412;
Home--201-768-2474
Community Church email:
cchp@verizon.net
The Rev. Charles P. Johnson,
Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. George V. Kaden,
Pastor Emeritus

From the Worship Committee

Thank you to Joan Hoerauf and the Puppet Club and the Children's Choir for sharing their talents with us during worship on February 12th.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Please join us at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary for the worship service. Each week there will be a dinner in Founders' Hall beginning at 6:30 PM, giving us a chance to fellowship with each other first. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of Lent, February 26. Please try to attend Wednesday and Sunday services during Lent, which is a time of reflection and preparation, leading up to Easter Sunday and the joyful celebration of our risen Christ.

Usher/Greeter Ministry: A few of you responded to our request in the January Courier for people interested in being part of an usher group. It's very simple. By being on the usher list, you agree to usher/greet about every two to three months. We will contact you by phone or email one to two weeks before to schedule a Sunday. Please let Sanae Tomita or Chris Novak know you would like to help with this ministry by being on the usher list.

www.cchpchurch.org

I hope you all have had a chance to view the new look for our church website. It has been my pleasure over the past these past 8+ years to be the manager of the website. With this in mind I am looking for and open to finding a backup person to help manage the content.

It does not take much time once you are familiar with the mechanics of the site.

If anyone is interested in this ministry please contact me at dgnovak@optonline.net

Thank you, Dennis Novak, CCHP WebMaster

Facebook and Instagram

Remember to like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. You can take a picture of this code with your device, and it will take you right to our Instagram page.



Guild for Christian Service

Tracy Ciavaglia and Chris Novak, Co-Presidents

The Guild for Christian Service has many activities planned in the upcoming months. Every month, the small-group circle meetings are the second Tuesday and Wednesday. Deborah Circle, led by Wendy Gumberg, meets on Tuesday at 7:30 PM and Rachel Circle, led by Sharon Brahs, meets on Wednesday at 1:30 PM. All women of the church are invited to come to either Guild small group meeting for a time of fellowship and devotions.

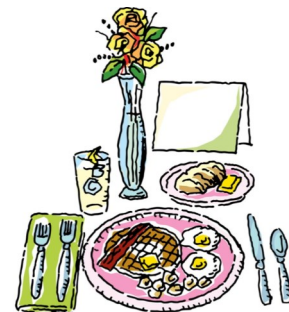
Soup Supper



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - The Guild is hosting the first Lenten dinner providing the infamous, Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 PM in Founders' Hall. If you would like to contribute a soup or dessert to this delicious evening, please contact Dot Abelman, Guild Service Chairperson, 201-573-0503.

Lent Service Project - During Lent, the Guild is doing a special collection for the Norwood Food Pantry using the Shopping list that is given to the families using the service. Join us in giving back to our local community and those less fortunate by providing specific items for The Norwood Food Pantry, which is 100% volunteer based, helping to feed over 100 families in our immediate area. The Pantry is different from other food assistance programs since they offer perishable and non-perishable goods, produce, paper products, and hygiene products, that the families select on a Shopping List, allowing them to receive exactly what is needed. A copy of the Shopping List will be in the Courier, the bulletin and by the collection sites at the Spring Street entrance and in the narthex. Between February 19 and March 19, we ask that you help by purchasing some specific items on the list and place them in the special collection box in the narthex. Contact: Jean Greenlaw, Guild Service Chairperson at 201-313-8442.

Looking Ahead: The Guild is back serving the women of our church and the community by having the Women's Communion Breakfast this spring. March 25th is the date, and we are excited to have the Reverend Linnea Berry coming from the Warwick Conference Center to be with us. More details will be coming soon but please save the date. Contact: Sharon Brahs, Spiritual Life Chairperson, 201-767-8357



Women's Communion

Brunch

LOOKING AHEAD



Looking Way Ahead: The Guild will sponsor an All-Church Garage Sale on Saturday, April 29 in Founders' Hall. Along with the Bazaar in the fall, this is the second part of our fundraising for mission projects. Due to limited storage space, donations will be accepted the week before and must be items that can be carried by one person. More details will be coming, but please put aside items for the Garage Sale when you're cleaning out this spring. Contacts: Co-Presidents, Tracy Ciavaglia 201-675-5777 and Chris Novak, 201-887-0717.

Our Church Family



Women's Ministry Breakfast

Our Women's Breakfast Ministry met on February 4, with Stephanie Budinich at the helm teaching us how to make her scrambled egg and ham dish with crescent rolls. She also made a vegetarian one with eggs, spinach and tomatoes, and the **pièce de résistance**—a sweet one with canned strawberries and cream cheese. The ladies shared their favorite scriptures about God's love.

As you know, these breakfasts have been a source of fellowship and spiritual encouragement for all who attend! Invite your friends and neighbors, too! Our March Women's Ministry Breakfast will take place on Saturday, March 4th beginning at 9:30 AM. Please come!



Attention Men!

The men of our church meet each month. This last month we had 15 men enjoy a breakfast casserole and a discussion about the Biblical concept of love.

These times have been very helpful and well attended. We invite you to our next gathering on Saturday, March 11 at 8:30 AM.

Congratulations to Kayla and Chris Reilly on the birth of their daughter, Payton Maureen, on February 6, 2023.

Payton's grandparents are Lori and Chuck Anders.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Deanna & Roger Carman; Marilyn Clark; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.



Dear CCHP Family,

Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers following my recent surgery. I have been blessed by the caring.

Yours in Christ,

Ann Froeder


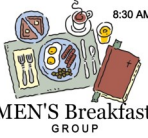







thank you

The Community Church
in Harrington Park



FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			February 1 7:30 RWS in FH	February 2 7:30 Choir	February 3	February 4  9:30 AM Women's BREAKFAST
February 5 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Children's Choir	February 6 7:45 Bell Choir	February 7 7:30 Consistory	February 8 7:30 RWS in FH	February 9 7:30 Choir	February 10 11:00—3:00 Club 60 in FH	February 11  8:30 AM MEN'S Breakfast GROUP
February 12 COURIER DEADLINE 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS	February 13 7:45 Bell Choir	February 14  Happy Valentine's Day! 7:30 Deborah Cir- cle	February 15 Feed Our Souls 10:00 Publicity Mtg. 1:30 Rachel Circle 7:30 RWS in FH	February 16 Feed Our Souls 9:00 Courier Assembly 7:30 Choir	February 17	February 18
February 19 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:00 Children's Choir 11:30 Worship Committee	February 20  PRESIDENTS DAY No Bell Choir	February 21	February 22 <i>Ash</i> <i>Wednesday</i> 6:30 Soup Supper 7:30 Worship 7:30 RWS in FH	February 23 7:30 Choir	February 24	February 25
February 26  9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Children's Choir 11:30 Guild Exec.	February 27 7:45 Bell Choir	February 28	March 1 6:30 Lenten Supper 7:30 Worship 7:45 RWS in FH	March 2 5:00 – 7:00 HPBOE in FH & Conf. Room 7:30 Chancel Choir	March 3	March 4  9:30 AM Women's Breakfast Ministry
March 5 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:00 Children's Choir 11:30 Cong. Care Committee	March 6	March 7 7:30 Consistory	March 8 6:30 Lenten Supper 7:30 Worship 7:30 RWS in FH	March 9 7:30 Choir	March 10	March 11  8:30 AM MEN'S Breakfast GROUP

SS = Sunday School; FH = Founders' Hall; HPBOE = Harrington Park Board of Education
RWS = Ramsey Wind Symphony

Lenten Suppers are back!

They will begin on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30 PM with the Soup Supper sponsored by the Guild for Christian Service.

They will continue through Lent each week followed by our Lenten Worship Service at 7:30 PM.



One Spring Street
PO Box 185
Harrington Park NJ 07640