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# Community Church in Harrington Park

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# The Courier

Dear Friends,

Did you ever hear somebody say something like, "I have one of those faces that looks like a lot of other people?" I've received a lot of comments down through the years that have convinced me that apparently I'm also in that situation. When I was in college, my dad sent me a newspaper article about the second(?) Star Trek movie, *The Wrath of Khan* (the one with Ricardo Montalban). The article had a picture of him in the captain's chair of a space ship. Behind him was his assistant, a young guy - he was my doppelganger... or I was his. Anyway, we looked almost exactly alike, at least in that picture. And my dad was half-wondering if I had been spending my time on some movie set instead of in chem lab.



But, even given those relatively rare sorts of occasions, we humans are unique. We share traits and characteristics and beliefs with other folks, but we still very much our own beings. That's especially true when it comes to the ministries we Christians are called to. Our call to ministry is essentially unique. We have our own situations, experiences, spiritual gifts, abilities, passions, personality, and tolerance for risk. All of these things combine to shape and form us to serve God in a particular way. Our call to ministry is nearly unique.

Because that call is unique to us, our call to ministry pours meaning into our lives. God calls us to a ministry that's uniquely suited to us. So how could our call not produce meaning in us? It's designed to be life-giving.

Some much of life isn't life-giving. Our jobs aren't necessarily. Getting older isn't necessarily. Raising families is great, but sometimes such a challenge. And so, to have one thing that's meaningful is a great gift.

So I'd lift up some questions for you to think about.

- \* How has God shaped you for ministry?
- \* How are you currently serving God? (You don't get to skate by on this one - everyone is called to serve in some way).
- \* Does the way you're currently serving God give you a sense of meaning?
- \* And a question for us as a church: What programs, processes and personnel can we use to help each other figure out what our call to ministry is, and then take up that call?)

It's a privilege to serve Him together in ministry with you.

Grace and peace,

Steve Sayer, Pastor

## We're Restructuring Our Consistory

Our consistory has been thinking a lot about how we function. We've been wondering if there's a more effective, efficient way of being the consistory together. Our official structure called for a consistory of 14 people and six committees – too big for a church of our size. Here's what we've come up with.

We will have a consistory of 11 people – the number of elders and deacons will vary according to people's calls. We will have one vice-president, with two consistory members relating to each of five committees.

The committees will be:

- ◇ **Discipleship** (helping all our members – adults and children – to grow in faith)
- ◇ **Outreach and Evangelism** (assisting our congregation to share the Gospel through overt acts of caring, kindness and invitation)
- ◇ **Facilities and Finance** (supporting our church's ministry by providing human, financial and physical, building resources)
- ◇ **Congregational Care** (fostering loving relationships by demonstrating and practicing the love and care of Christ for each other)
- ◇ **Worship Committee** (providing worship experiences that deepen the congregation's sense of belonging and commitment to Christ and each other).

We have also reduced the length of terms of elders and deacons to two years. It's possible for deacons and elders to serve two consecutive terms before taking a break for at least a year.

We had several months debate as to how to best structure our consistory. We hope and trust that these will be helpful changes.

### **Saturday, November 4th - Autumn Bazaar, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**The Guild is sponsoring the annual, all-church Autumn Bazaar on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.**

We appreciate everyone's support of this event with all proceeds going to local and world organizations and missions. Come and shop; there's something for everyone.

We welcome your help with set-up and cooking on Thursday and Friday, November 2nd and 3rd and helping at one of the booths or in the kitchen on November 4th. Please sign up in the narthex and of course, tell your friends and family about it. We appreciate your donations to all of our areas: **Stitchery, Potpourri** which includes new or gently used gift items, **Holiday Decorations** (new or gently used), **Puzzles, Books** for adults and children, **the Treasure Corner** which includes jewelry and women's accessories (i.e. purses/scarves/hats), **and Food and Desserts "to stay or go" at the Baked Goods Market and the Lunch Cafe.**

You may leave any of the listed items on the stage beginning Friday, October 27. There is a basket in the office for jewelry as well. (Note: no toys or white elephant items for this event. Please bring baked goods or food items on Friday 11/3 or Saturday morning 11/4. Questions: Contact Chris Novak, [cpn105@optonline.net](mailto:cpn105@optonline.net) or Tracy Ciaavaglia, [tracy.ciaavaglia@hotmail.com](mailto:tracy.ciaavaglia@hotmail.com).



Attention all Choir Members!

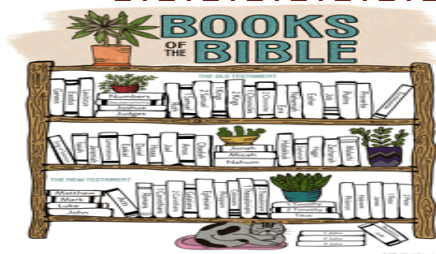
Both former and current!

We would love to have some old friends come back and sing with us for our 125th anniversary celebration on Sunday,

November 19,

We will be singing, "He Is Here" by Kirk Talley.

If you'd like to receive a copy of the music, please send an email to [cchp@verizon.net](mailto:cchp@verizon.net), and we will get a copy to you.



The Johnson Chapel has a new addition! Take a look at our bookshelf filled with many different translations of the Bible and other resources to assist you during small groups, Circle meetings, Bible studies, etc. They are there for everyone to use. If needed, feel free to take them to another area of the church but please return everything to the Chapel when you are finished.



## THE LIVE NATIVITY

**Sunday, December 17th from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

Mark your calendars for the Live Nativity program on Sunday, December 17, 2023, following our Musicale worship service. There will be a light lunch and then we need "all hands on deck" to help with set-up for the program which begins at 12:00 PM on the Dean Street side lawn.

Please invite your friends and family to this very special Christmas afternoon celebrating the birth of Jesus. The Christmas Story narration begins at 12:30 PM. All children are invited to participate as an angel or shepherd and should arrive by 12:00 PM for costuming. The whole family will have fun at the petting zoo - including a cow, sheep, goat, donkey and even a camel. Join in singing carols and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and cookies while sharing meaningful moments together at our Live Nativity.

The Annual Thanksgiving

Ecumenical Service

Will be held at CCHP on

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM.

We will be joined by our friends from St. Andrew's and Our Lady of Victories.



**Ecumenical  
Thanksgiving  
SERVICE**

We are four weeks into Pastor Sayer's sermon series exploring themes that challenge us from the four Gospels. He has shared two messages from Matthew: how to handle disagreements with others and the upside-down Kingdom of God where the last shall be first and the first shall be last; one from Mark reminding us that Jesus came to serve and suffer and that's what is expected of us too; one from Luke telling us that Jesus had profound love for the poor and the outsiders and so should we. The next three messages for October will be one more from Luke and two from John.



**Each week you can attend a small group** to discuss the sermon message and take a broader look at that week's Gospel. So much more is revealed through group discussion and each session really "stands alone" so it's fine to start now. Join in on Sunday after church, Wednesday on Zoom or Thursday morning in the Johnson Chapel.

There are more joyful and meaningful CCHP worship events coming up this year. Please see the articles on the **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** and the **Christmas Live Nativity**.

**Thank you to all who continue to usher and provide nursery care.** Please sign up in the narthex to support these Sunday morning ministries.

**Worship Committee - Sanae Tomita McKay and Chris Novak**



The Women's Breakfast Ministry will continue with their next breakfast on Saturday, November 11 at 9:30 AM. Because of the Bazaar, it will be held a week later. Please mark your calendars and plan to come! This is an opportunity to catch up and converse with other women as we share breakfast at 9:30. Then we will have a speaker who will share her faith journey with us. Start your Saturday with fellowship and spiritual inspiration! Bring friends and neighbors, too!

Sandy Bennington

### Visitation Training

**On October 21st** Community Church will be hosting a training session for all people who do and will be doing visitations to our members. Our leader will be Tom Larkin, a retired pastor who is specifically trained in this area of ministry. Details will be provided. If you have any questions about this ministry, please reach out to Sharon Brahs at [s.brahs@icloud.com](mailto:s.brahs@icloud.com).



Your search committee has been busy putting together a job description to be posted for a replacement for our minister. This is a huge undertaking, and we are working diligently to make sure this is completed accurately. Should anyone have questions, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Search Committee. The members are:

Bob Carr, Jeff Pond – Co chairs, Justin Johnson, Chris Novak, Jill Cox, Jane Marshall and Joan Hoerauf. Jodie Wu is our representative from Classis.

# The Community Church

# October/November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>Oct. 11</i> 1:30 Rachel Circle 7:15 Zoom Bible Study	<i>12</i> 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Soup Supper 7:30 Chancel Choir	<i>13</i> 11:30 Club 60 in FH	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Bible Study 11:15 Alleluia Choir	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Feed Our Souls</i> 7:00 Property Committee 7:15 Bible Study	<i>19</i> <i>Feed Our Souls</i> 10:00 Bible Study 5-7 HPBOE in FH 7:30 Chancel Choir	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 9:00 Visitation Training
<i>22</i> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Alleluia Choir 11:15 Bible Study 11:30 Worship	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 7:15 Zoom Bible Study	<i>26</i> 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	<i>27</i> Girls Scouts in FH all day and evening	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Alleluia Choir 11:15 Guild Executive Mtg.	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Nov. 1</i> 7:15 Zoom Bible Study	<i>2</i> <b>Bazaar Set-Up</b> 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 Chancel Choir	<i>3</i> <b>Bazaar Set-Up</b>	<i>4</i> 10 AM Bazaar 
<i>5</i> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Alleluia Choir 11:15 Cong. Care Meeting	<i>6</i> 7:30 Consistory	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 7:30 Chancel Choir	<i>10</i> <b>Courier Deadline</b> 11:30 Club 60	<i>11</i>  <b>★ Veterans Day: ★</b> Thank You for Your Service!



# It's Operation Christmas Child Time Again!

## What is Operation Christmas Child?

All your questions are answered at [www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child)

Since 1993, God has used Samaritan's Purse to deliver **over 200 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts** to children in need and disciple 50 million of these boys and girls.

When Franklin Graham agreed to fill shoeboxes with toys and other fun items for children in war-torn Bosnia in 1993, he had no idea what the project would grow to become. Over the past 30 years, Samaritan's Purse has collected and delivered more than 200 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, thanks to a church and [volunteer network](#) in the U.S. and around the world that is hundreds of thousands strong.

In addition to bringing great joy to millions of boys and girls in need, gifts are accompanied by the Good News of Jesus Christ. Many children have been invited to follow-up discipleship through The Mailbox Club (prior to 2009) and The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson program designed especially for shoebox recipients. We praise God that over the last three decades **50 million children have been disciplined**. In the past 14 years alone since The Greatest Journey was launched, over 17 million children have made decisions for Christ.

Once again, the Community Church in Harrington Park will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. From October 15 through November 12 we will be collecting your shoeboxes filled with your donations of the recommended items, which are:

### Personal Care Items:

- \* Toothbrushes
- \* Washcloths
- \* Combs
- \* Hairbrushes
- \* Small water bottles

### WOW Items:

- \* Soccer ball with pump
- \* Doll
- \* Stuffed animal
- \* Shoes

### Toys

- \* Toy cars
- \* Jump ropes
- \* Yo-yos
- \* Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

### School Supplies:

- \* Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons & markers
- \* Notebooks and paper
- \* Coloring and picture books
- \* Solar calculator

### DO NOT INCLUDE:

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

### Accessories:

- \* Socks
- \* Sunglasses
- \* Jewelry and watches
- \* Flashlights (with extra batteries)

We have some shoeboxes, which you may pick up to fill, or you can use your own shoebox or plastic container that is the same size as a shoebox.

There are labels for you to pick up—decide if you want to give to a boy or girl, ages 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14, fill your box, and drop it off with your \$10 shipping donation to CCHP no later than November 12th.



Jocelyn Brueck, Chair  
Operation Christmas Child Project



Calling all puppeteers – We are excited to be starting a new season of puppets and Sunday School. Puppets will be meeting in founder’s hall for the first part, then on to Sunday School directly from there. Sunday School has kicked off a new program. We can’t wait to work with your children to learn all about Jesus. Why not have them bring a friend, they are always welcome. Puppets and Sunday School are open to children of all ages.

The All-Church Barbecue held on Sept 17th was a huge success! We had gorgeous weather and a turnout of about 100 people! The Congregational Care Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with set up, clean up, and side dishes.

We truly appreciate all your help and contributions!

## Directory Update!

Please email [cchp@verizon.net](mailto:cchp@verizon.net) if any of your contact information has changed. We will be printing new directories in the next week or so, and we’d love to have all listings current.



Best wishes to our guitarist,  
Nate Giordano and  
Victoria Ioppolo  
October 14, 2023  
1333 Hudson St., #210N  
Hoboken, NJ 07030



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Janet Kosack, Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.



*Dear Community Church Family,*

*On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone who showed their love and respect for Howie. Thank you for the dinner provided by the church (It was delicious.), as well as the food brought by individuals. Your taking the time to pay your respects along with the many cards you sent were very much appreciated.*

*We will never forget your kindness!*

*Judy, Betsey, Mark, Howie and Renata*

Craig Terjanian has moved to a new facility. His new address is:

**Lincoln Park Care Center  
521-525 Pine Brook Road  
Lincoln Park, NJ 07035**

## Our Church's 125th Anniversary



## The CCHP 125th Anniversary Celebration

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

On Sunday, November 19th, we are planning a special worship service to celebrate 125 years of Christian growth in Harrington Park through the presence of the Community Sunday School which became the Community Church in Harrington Park. We are looking forward to our present church family attending along with former pastors, former members, community officials and friends of CCHP. After worship, there will be a brunch and program of memories in Founders' Hall.

Invitations with an RSVP postcard were mailed on September 30. Please return you RSVP as soon as possible but no later than November 1. We are planning hard copy and digital picture displays. Please send any photos to the church at P.O. Box 185,

Harrington Park, NJ 07640 or email to [cchp@verizon.net](mailto:cchp@verizon.net).

There is a small committee working on this event. We need help Saturday, November 18 for Founders' Hall set-up and Sunday, November 19 with serving at the brunch. Please contact Chris Novak, 201-887-0717 or Joan Hoerauf, 201-519-1782 about helping.



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