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The Courier

Dear Community Church family,



It's hard to believe that we have been here for a full month! My family and I are very excited to begin our time with you and see what God is going to do through our church and in this community. I hope you feel comfortable getting to know me, and I look forward to spending time with all of you. I'm excited to explore with you your dreams and passions for our community. While I too enjoy reaching out to the community, it is our family practice of Word and Sacrament which helps form us into the kind of people God wants us to be. I thought I'd share a few things we will try to implement to help us to hear God's word and be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In over a decade of ministry, I can't say that I have ever given a sermon without a Bible passage attached. You won't hear me speak about something which doesn't come from Scripture. While we need to be sophisticated and intelligent as we read the Bible, I believe the Scriptures are for everyone, and I hope we can grow in them together. We will be looking at Mark for the next month, and I've decided to go through Jonah after that. I really enjoy going through the Old Testament and passages which are difficult to live with, as wrestling with them sometimes yields a blessing. Finally, because the Scriptures are for all people, I look forward to hearing you read them on Sundays! More information will be forthcoming. Don't hesitate to reach out to me. My family and I are grateful to be your pastor.

Peace,

Pastor Zach pastorcchp@gmail.com



ALL-CHURCH BARBECUE

This Sunday

September 8th immediately following worship

Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

This would also be a great time to bring a friend to church with you

Friends-to-Friends Barbecue

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Now that fall is approaching we will once again be hosting the **Friends-to-Friends**



Barbecue at 303 Prospect Street in Ridgewood on Sunday, September 22nd. This year will be the 10th anniversary celebration with lots of folks expected to attend.

We typically leave CCHP at approximately 3:30.

Please contact Steve Baumann (201) 262-6452 or Rich Budinich (201) 273-3008 if you are able to help.

Read more about the Friends-to-Friends ministry at www.friendstofriendscc.org



COMMITTEE

We are pleased to welcome our new pastor, Zach Waldis, and his wife, Mishona, and their children, Miriam and Mark. Zach began his ministry on August 4th, and an official welcome will be part of the September 8th worship service.

Thank you to everyone who helped with worship services over the summer, especially during the five weeks we were between pastors. We are very grateful to our lay preachers:

Chris Doyle, Jane Marshall and Jeff Pond for doing an outstanding job leading us in worship. Also, our music director, Amy Duran, planned beautiful special music during the summer. We appreciate the vocal and instrumental talents shared by many in our congregation.

September 8 is our Fall Kick-Off Sunday Worship Service. Join us for the Waldis family official welcome and the beginning of Sunday School and puppet club for children Pre-K through high school. The children will start in the sanctuary and leave for Sunday School/Puppets after the Children's Moment. The nursery will be staffed from 9:55 AM until the end of the service for children under three years old. After worship, we will celebrate with an all-church barbecue. Please plan to invite a friend to come to church with you.

Interested in reading Scripture? Beginning in October, Pastor Zach would like to have lay people read the Scripture lessons on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex. If you would like to find out more, speak to Pastor Zach or email him at pastorcchp@gmail.com. Prayerfully consider serving the Lord in this way during our worship services.

Did you know? The church subscribes to daily, devotional booklets for you to use in devotion reading time? Please take a *Words of Hope* which is published quarterly and/or a bi-monthly *Upper Room*. (There's even a large print version). Copies are in a basket on the table in the narthex by the chapel door. Do you know someone who would benefit from one of these booklets? Take one for them too!

Looking Ahead - Sunday, October 6 is World Communion Sunday. We will join Christians worldwide who are participating in Communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Worship Committee - Chris Novak & Chris Doyle

Guild for Christian Service

We hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for a new and exciting school year! Starting on September 8th we need volunteers to help us staff the nursery each Sunday. If you are interested in helping out in the nursery, please lookout for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or speak with Kayla Reilly or Tracy Ciavaglia.

Our Bible study circle groups will kick off on September 10th with Deborah circle meeting at 7:30 pm in the Johnson Chapel. Rachel Circle will meet on September 11th at 1 pm in Johnson Chapel. All women are welcome to attend any circle meeting!

Reminder: **Please return any church flower vases and leave them by the coat rack at the Spring St. entrance. We recycle them back to the florist which helps keep the cost of our weekly flowers at \$25.00**.

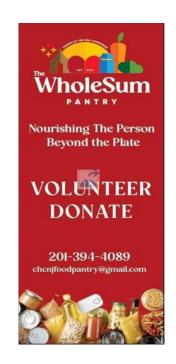
Looking Ahead:

Save the Date for our Annual Fall Soup Supper which will be held on October 24th in Founders' Hall at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend!

Also, save the date for our Autumn Bazaar which will be held on November 16th. -Tracy Ciavaglia and Chris Novak (co-presidents)

> Updated Needs: \$25 gift cards Cereal Coffee (decaf and regular) Canned Fruit Ketchup Spam Salmon Toothpaste

Les and Jill Cox are kind enough to deliver your donations to the WholeSum Pantry (formerly Norwood Food Pantry). So, bring your donations to church with you on any Sunday. Thank you!!!





Sunday School resumes on September 8th. Please join us every Sunday at 10 am for some fun and exciting times together, to share and learn about the wonder of Jesus.

Men's Group Meeting

The men of CCHP and friends are invited to attend the CCHP Men's Group Meeting which is held on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM in the Johnson Chapel. Bible study covering numerous topics is discussed. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship.





The fall is here and our Chancel Choir has openings for all. So, if you are of a mind and voice, we have a role waiting for you to sing to the glory of God. You do not need to read music. (I do not myself.) Come join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM.

Dennis Novak, Chancel Choir President



Our sympathies are extended to the family of Paul and Ellen Nelson and their family on the passing of Paul's mother, Dorothy, on August 28th.

There will be a Memorial Service – a Celebration of Life – on September 7 at 11 am here in our sanctuary.

Our sympathies are extended to Jeff, Shirley and Debra Parma on the passing of Jeff's sister, Lois, on July 12th.



Happy birthday to

Harold Friedeman who will be just shy of a century on September 7th





Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Wendy Gumberg; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Robin Schwarte; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

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September, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7 11:00 AM Dorothy Nelson "Celebration of Life" and Lunch
		7:30 Consistory	7:30 Ramsey Wind Symphony	8:00 Chancel Choir		
8 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship "Back to Sunday School and Puppets"	9	10	Patriot Day Never Forger	12	13 11:00—3:00 Club 60 in FH	14 8:30 Men's Group
11:15 Barbecue		7:30 Deborah Circle	1:00 Rachel Circle 7:30 RWS in FH	7:30 Christian Ed Meeting 7:30 Choir		
15 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS	16	17	10:00 Worship Committee Mtg.	19	20	21
	7:45 Bell Choir		7:30 RWS in FH	7:30 Choir		
22 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS	23	24	25	26	27	28
Friends to Friends Barbecue	7:45 Bell Choir		7:30 RWS in FH	7:30 Choir		
9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS	30	Oct. 1	2	3	4	5
11:15 Guild Executive Mtg.	7:45 Bell Choir	7:30 Consistory	7:30 RWS in FH	7:30 Choir		

SS=Sunday School; FH=Founders' Hall; RWS=Ramsey Wind Symphony



Come and join our Puppet Team!

We are excited to be starting our 26th year in the puppet ministry. We look forward to writing our new skits and presenting them to the congregation during the year. We even have some new puppets I

can't wait to share with you. We will be starting on Sept. 8, first in church with our new minister. the Rev. Zack Waldis, then on to Puppets in Founders' Hall, then Sunday School. Can't wait to see all of you. Any questions, please call Miss Joan (201) 519-1782 or email at <u>jhoerauf@naihanson.com</u>.



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