



# The Courier

Dear Community Church family,

We are quickly approaching Advent and the Christmas season. I look forward to our Thanksgiving service coming up in a few weeks, and to celebrating our first Christmas together. I'm sure this is a busy season for most in our church, and people have varying feelings about the holidays. For those of you who find Christmas to be a difficult time, I hope our church family helps people to feel at home. We assume that the holidays are a joyous family occasion, but we should be sensitive to people who go through loneliness or grief during this season. God is close to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34), and if that happens to be you, know that God is close.

Traditionally Advent, which celebrates the first coming and birth of the Son of God, is associated with the Second Coming. This season, and Christmas, ought to be a time for remembering the less fortunate and "least of these" (Matthew 25) rather than buying lots of items for ourselves or our families. My kids love the presents, but that's not what the season is all about. Christ was born into the real world, in situations and circumstances which resonate in our own time (Matthew 2). I look forward to the musicale and celebrating the birth of Jesus this year with you. I am thankful to be your pastor and my family appreciates you.

Peace,

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**On Sunday, November 24 we will be having a family worship service** which will include the Chancel and Children's Choirs and the Puppet Club. The children will remain in the sanctuary and take an active role in parts of the service. Sunday School will not meet that day.



**The annual ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service** will be held at St. Andrew's church on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30 PM. The three churches in town will participate including a combined choir. Please attend this gratitude-filled service, giving thanks for our many blessings, including family, friends and our communities.

**December 1 is the first Sunday in Advent** and we will serve Communion. We need people to light the Advent wreath each week in December. Whether an individual, a couple, a family or a group, we encourage you to sign-up in the narthex or speak to Chris N. or Chris D.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** December 22 is the Christmas musicale service and on December 24, we will have 7:00 PM and 11:00 PM candlelight Christmas Eve worship services.

**We wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving** and encourage you to attend the November worship services including Tuesday, Nov. 26 at St. Andrew's Church.

**Worship Committee**

**Chris Novak & Chris Doyle**



## Congregational Care

Our wonderful **Feed Our Souls** team is back in action this fall. Meals will be delivered on a modified schedule in conjunction with different holidays to several of our congregants who need a special lift, delivered through a warm, cozy, delicious meal that lets them know how much we love them and are thinking of them. We are very grateful

We have such wonderful fellowship happening in Founder's Hall after worship with our Sunday Coffee Hours. Please consider making coffee and tea after worship. You can sign up on the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door in Founder's Hall. Coffee, tea, milk, creamers, and drinks are



**Save the Date: November  
24th 4-6pm @ the  
Community Church**

*Join us for a night of playing  
games and pizza. All ages are  
welcome. Questions call  
(201) 768-2457*



**Save the Date**

**Cookies, Crafts, & Cocoa December 15th 12-2pm @ the  
Community Church**

(Lunch will be provided)

Join us for an afternoon of making crafts, decorating

## *Guild for Christian Service*

### **Guild News November 2024**

**November is a very busy time for the Guild!**

**On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Autumn Bazaar from 10am-3pm in Founders Hall! All are invited to come, eat, and shop! If you have new handmade items to donate for Stitchery or other craft items we will gladly accept donations. We also need gently used items such as Jewelry, women's accessories, gift items for potpourri and/or puzzles! You may leave new or gently used items on the stage in Founders Hall from November 10-14<sup>th</sup>. Please, NO books, toys, or white elephant items. All proceeds go to local and world missions! Thank you to all who have signed up to help with this event and we hope to see everyone there!**

**Please Note the dates of the November Circle meetings as they have changed this month! Deborah circle will meet on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Johnson Chapel. Rachel Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Johnson Chapel. All women are welcome to attend any circle meeting!**

**The Annual Fall Soup Supper was held on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Founders Hall! Thank you to everyone who attended and brought soup and desserts to share!**

**Another reminder that 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 Rielly or Tracy Ciavaglia.**

**Also, please return any church flower vases that you may have. Please leave them by the coat rack at the Spring Street entrance. We recycle them back to the florist which helps keep the cost of our weekly flowers at \$25.**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

-Tracy Ciavaglia and Chris Novak (co-presidents)



**Women's Breakfast Ministry:** Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 7th!** That is the day for the December breakfast for our Women's Breakfast Ministry. We meet in Founders Hall at 9:30 for breakfast and fellowship, then we listen to a speaker share her faith Journey with us. A strength of this breakfast ministry is our gathering together as sisters in Christ, women from our church as well as from other churches and denominations. Bring along any others you would like to invite - friends, co-workers, neighbors... For all of us, it is a time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment!



### 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.

**Operation Christmas Child** Thank you to all who have contributed to Operation Christmas Child. There is still time to pick up a box in the Narthex, fill the box and return it with \$10.00 for postage. You can also build a shoebox on line for \$25.00. The website is [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline). We will be accepting boxes until Sunday November 24. Try to imagine a child not having a single Christmas present. Let's make a child happy this Christmas.



Updated church directories will be available in the coming month or two. We have a software program that enables us to create our own pictorial directory. Rob and Craig Budinich took many of our pictures last year at the 125th anniversary celebration. Look for these in the near future.

### Directories

Rob and Craig Budinich



**The Outreach committee is excited to announce a giving tree will be set set up in the Narthex from November 11th thru December 15th.**

For those unfamiliar with the giving tree, the Christmas tree will have paper ornaments with suggested gifts written on them take an ornament bring back the gift and put under the tree. ( No need to wrap) This year the giving tree mission is New Hope located in Westwood N.J. New hopes is changing lives one mother, one baby at a time. Brochures outlining New Hopes mission as well as donation

This Sunday is our annual congregational meeting immediately following worship. We will be voting on new consistory members and the 2025 budget. Please plan on attending.



**Address Change**

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**Remember  
in Prayer**

Anonymous; Lori Anders; Lynn Baker; Sharon Brahs; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Wini Kinkele; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Robin Schwarte; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, Barry Wood.

# The Community Church



## November, 2024

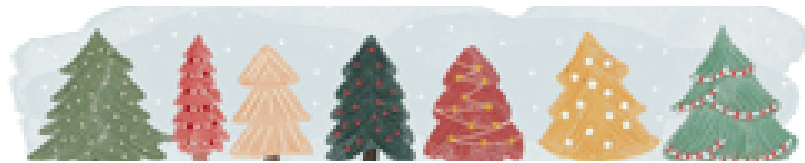
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			7:30 RWS in FH		11:00—3:00 Club 60 in FH	8:30 Men's Group
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS	 7:45 Bell Choir	7:30 Outreach 7:30 Finance/ Facilities	7:30 RWS in FH	<b>Bazaar Set-Up</b> <b>10:00—3:00</b>  7:30 Christian Ed Meeting 7:30 Choir	<b>Bazaar Set-Up</b> <b>10:00—3:00</b>	<b>Bazaar</b> <b>10 AM—3 PM</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 Choir 10:00 Family Worship Service	7:45 Bell Choir	7:30 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship At St. Andrew's	7:30 RWS in FH			
<i>Dec. 1</i>	<i>Dec. 2</i>	<i>Dec. 3</i>	<i>Dec. 4</i>	<i>Dec. 5</i>	<i>Dec. 6</i>	<i>Dec. 7</i>
 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS Communion	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 diligently working on our skit for Noah's Ark including building our own ark. We will be presenting this to the congregation on Sunday November 24. In addition we are putting together a box for Operation Christmas Child. We are doing two boxes – one for a girl, one for a boy. Each of the children have picked a slip out of a hat to purchase an item to add to their box. We will also be lighting a candle for the advent wreath in December. Come join us each Sunday morning. We meet just after the children's message in church. We write our own skit and perform them to the Church several times during the year. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to me – **Miss Joan** (201) 519-1782 or email [jhoerauf@naihanson.com](mailto:jhoerauf@naihanson.com)



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