

February

The Courier

Dear Community Church family,

I don't know about you but it feels like the first month of the year has gone by in a New York minute. I'm looking forward to my first Lenten season with all of you, and I thought I'd give you an idea of what I and a guest preacher are going to talk about during this Christian season of the year. Most denominations observe Lent, the season which precedes Easter, and generally speaking, it is a somber, reflective time of the year. As we believe that Easter, not Christmas, is the most important day of the year, it is fitting that we lead up to that joyous day with a season that is more somber. I think it's true that you cannot have Easter Sunday without Good Friday.

If you haven't been able to tell, in my weekly preaching I focus on the Bible; I try to base what I say on that collection of texts. But for Lent, I thought I'd discuss some topics which are often taboo in the church, such as death, the dissatisfaction of work and career, illness, and depression. Everyone deals with these topics and parts of life at one point or another, but often the church acts as if a person must have it all together before coming to worship; it might be "taboo" to talk about our fallen humanity at church. Lent, Ash Wednesday, and the season help to remind us that we are dust, and to the dust we will return (Gen 31:9). I am thankful to be your pastor, and my family appreciates you.

Peace

Pastor Zach



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Community Church in Harrington Park

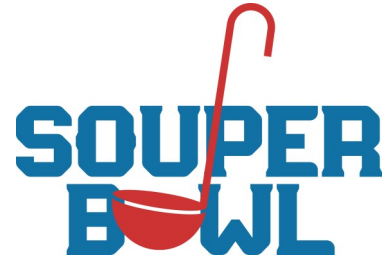
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Bible Study with Pastor Zach

Pastor Zach continues leading a Bible study on the New Testament Book of Galatians. The Bible study is held after Sunday's church service in Johnson Chapel starting around 11:30 AM. It will continue through February 16th. Please advise if you need babysitting services.

LAST CHANCE TO BRING SOUP FOR
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
Sunday, February 16, 2025



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 8:30AM in the Johnson Chapel.

Our next meeting is Saturday March 8, 2025.

Bible study covering numerous topics is discussed. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Our last Women's Breakfast Ministry will take place on Saturday, March 1 at 9:30 AM. We will join together for our breakfast in Founders' Hall, and then we will hear our speaker share her faith journey with us. Bring your neighbors, friends, co-workers! All are welcome! A strength of this ministry is that we come together as sisters-in-Christ, from different towns, churches, and denominations! We hope that you are able to join us.

We hope that you will mark your calendar now for the breakfast!



Women's
Breakfast
Ministry

Did you know???

That our handbell choir, the Community Church Ringers, is celebrating 45 years in existence?????

In the summer of 1979 the Bell Choir Director, Dorothy Abelman, attended a week-long handbell seminar at Westminster Choir College, with the dream of starting a handbell choir here at the Community Church. That dream continued towards fruition when Valerie Hill donated three octaves of Malmark handbells in memory of her parents, Grace J. and Edward F. Hill. On Saturday, February 9, 1980, a workshop was held for potential ringers to begin to learn how to play. It wasn't too long before they were performing in worship—namely, Palm Sunday, March 30, 1980. Eight ringers played an arrangement of *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* with 37 bells. They played again the very next week on Easter Sunday and have played every Easter since (not counting the Covid year).

In May of 2005, they performed a very special anniversary concert, celebrating 25 years. At that time they had grown to 13 ringers with 63 bells and 49 chimes. They also progressed from Level 1 music to Level 3.

We are so thankful for the dedication of all of those, both past and current, who have given their time and talents through the years by ringing handbells. Our worship services are truly blessed with your beautiful music. Congratulations and thanks to Dorothy Abelman for her vision and her leadership.

The Original Community Church Ringers Dorothy Abelman, director

Lynn Baker
Valerie Hill
Rosemarie Kirchner
Shirley Kolkebeck
Nancy Maynes
Alan Richter
Phyllis Richter
Nancy Westervelt

The Community Church Ringers Today Dorothy Abelman, director

Lynn Baker
Ann Froeder
Valerie Hill
Judy Hunter
Ellen Nelson

**Interested in learning
how to ring handbells?
They're always looking
for new members. If you
can read music, speak to
Dot Abelman. They'd
love to have you.**



Ash Wednesday marks our
1st Lenten service on
March 5th, 2025

Easter falls on
April 20, 2025



Dear Congregation,

Please mark your calendars for **March 5th** which is Ash Wednesday and the first of our Lenten services. We begin at 6:30p with the Soup Supper, then worship at 7:30p. We will share more news regarding our Lenten services as our committee comes together.

Please consider ushering each and any Sunday as we always need volunteers for this. There is a sign-up in the narthex.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Jeff Parma & Jim Lupfer



Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God – **George Washington**

Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right – **Abraham Lincoln**



Mark your Calendars!

Our first Lenten dinner will be the Guild soup supper on March 5th at 6:30pm. This is Ash Wednesday. Help is always welcome for set-up and clean-up. Dinner will be followed by our regular midweek Lenten service at 7:30pm.

Congratulations to
Les and Jill Cox
on the birth of their granddaughter,
Charlotte Brendell Cox,
on February 2, 2025,
and to her parents ,
Glenn and Danielle Cox!



Congratulations to
Sanae Tomita
on the birth of her granddaughter,
Sophia Elizabeth McKay,
on February 8, 2025,
and to her parents,
Andrew and Sarah McKay!

Sacrament of Baptism
March 2, 2025
Vivienne Isla Favata
Daughter of Frank and Hannah Favata
Granddaughter of
Justin and Alissa Johnson

Baptism



It is with deep sympathy that we remember the passing of longtime CCHP member Charles Moorman. Kindly keep the Moorman family in your prayers at this time. A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, February 22, at 11 AM.



Our
Friends
in
Caring
Facilities

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1104 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Harold Friedeman
CareOne
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New Milford, NJ 07646

Craig Terjanian
The Lincoln Park Care Center
521-525 Pinebrook
Road
Lincoln Park NJ 07035

Don Winters
CareOne
300 Old Hook Road
Westwood, NJ 07676

Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Harold Friedeman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Don Winters; Barry Wood.



Guild for Christian Service

Hello from the guild! We have some exciting events coming up that we'd like you to be aware of. The annual Lenten Soup Supper will be held in Founders' Hall at 6:30pm on March 5th (Ash Wednesday). Also save the date for the Women's Communion Brunch which will be held Saturday, April 5th!

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:30pm in the Johnson Chapel. Rachel Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 12th at 1pm in Johnson Chapel. All women are welcome to attend any circle meeting!

Please remember to 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 all for your continued support!

Tracy Ciavaglia, President



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL





Exciting Sunday School News!

Our program has grown! To accommodate this growth, we will now have two Sunday school classes each Sunday starting in February! The K-2nd grade class will be taught by Tracy Ciavaglia and Kayla Reilly. And the 3rd-5th grade class will be taught by Mishona Waldis and Nina Pond. We will also have two Sunday school volunteers helping (1 in each class) each Sunday. We are excited for this change and would like to thank all of the Sunday School teachers and all volunteers who have helped with this change!

**With Joy and Praise,
Tracy Ciavaglia and Mishona Waldis**

The Community Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:45 Bell Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 Consistory 7-10 RWS in FH</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>COURIER DEADLINE</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Men's Group</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship with Installation of Elder and Deacon, Puppets & SS 11:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:45 Bell Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 Deborah Circle 7:30 Outreach 7:30 Finance/ Facilities</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Courier Assembly 1:00 Rachel Circle 7-10 RWS in FH</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 Christian Ed 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day!</p> <p>11:30 Club 60 in FH</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:30 Bible Study 11:15 Children's Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p> 7:45 Bell Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30 RWS in FH</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11 AM - Moorman Memorial Service</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Children's Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:45 Bell Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Feed Our Souls</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30—10:30 HPBOE in FH Feed Our Souls</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>9:30 Women's Breakfast Ministry</p>
<p>March 2</p> <p>9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Baptism, Puppets & SS 11:15 Children's Choir Practice</p>	<p>March 3</p> <p>7:30 Consistory 7:45 Bell Choir</p>	<p>March 4</p>	<p>March 5</p> <p>6:30 Guild Soup Supper 7:30 Lenten Worship 7:45 RWS in FH 8:30 Consistory?</p>	<p>March 6</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p>March 7</p> <p>COURIER DEADLINE</p>	<p>March 8</p> <p>8:30 Men's Group</p> <p></p>

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



WOMEN'S COMMUNION BRUNCH, APRIL 5, 2025

9:30 AM Communion Worship Service

followed by brunch in Founders' Hall

The Rev. Jodie Wu is our Classis supervisor, and with her husband, she co-pastors Bogart Memorial Reformed Church in Bogota. She will conduct the Communion service and speak at the brunch, sharing her very interesting story of partnership in life and ministry. Please mark your calendars, and plan to bring a friend to this uplifting time of worship and fellowship. Watch for more details in the bulletin and March Courier.



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