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The Courier

Dear Community Church family,

Time seems to be entering light speed, and I am excited for what God has in store for our church family. As I write this, we are currently in the Christian season of Lent, which focuses on our mortality and the more somber parts of life. We will soon be celebrating Easter, and I look forward to worshipping Jesus during Holy Week with all of you soon. We will have services on Maundy Thursday (April 17), Good Friday (April 18), and of course, Easter Sunday. Our church is incredibly blessed by Amy's music, and she graciously volunteered her gifts for us on Good Friday. It's all a very busy time of the year, but one which is central to our faith and hope. I am looking forward to taking the journey from the cross to the empty tomb with all of you!

As a church, we are considering what is next for us as a part of the body of Christ, and while I certainly have some ideas in that regard, I look forward to hearing where you feel God wants us to go. Probably the most important thing to do is pray, and seek God in His Word. You cannot expect to hear from God if you won't listen to what He has said! I am thankful to be your pastor, and my family appreciates you.

Peace Pastor Zach

Dear Congregation, We hope you were able to make it to our Ash Wednesday service and that you found it helpful. We are so blessed as a congregation to be able to gather together to nurture the soul and nourish the belly.

A reminder that we are always looking for ushers and greeters each week. Please consider this simple, but helpful, gesture.

This year, in addition to our traditional Maundy Thursday

worship service with Communion on April 17 at 7:30 PM, we will be offering a **Good Friday** worship service at 12 noon. Amy Duran will be offering her talents; we will sing a couple of hymns; and there will be a short message from Pastor Zach.

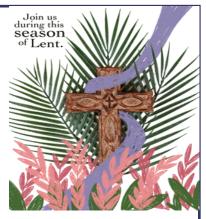
Palm Sunday: April 13–10 AM Worship Maundy Thursday: April 17–7:30 PM Worship with Communion Good Friday: April 18–12 Noon Worship Easter Sunday: April 20–6:30 AM, Dawn Service at Pondside Park Breakfast following at the church 10 AM Easter Worship Celebration with guest musicians

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Jeff Parma & Jim Lupfer





We are so excited to present "Moses" to the congregation on March 16. We have really worked hard to put this together for you. Come join us each Sunday, just after the children's time in church. We write our own scripts and put them together for the congregation. Any questions, please call Miss Joan (201) 519-1782.



BIBLE READING PLAN: From Death to Life

During Lent, Christians observe 40 days of confession, prayer and renewal. Just as our Savior fasted and faced temptation in the desert for 40 days, we use this season to grow our faith and prepare to minister.

Use this Bible Reading Plan to follow Jesus to the cross and then rejoice at his empty tomb on Easter. Travel through Scripture to reflect on who Jesus is and what he lovingly endured to give us life.



The Dry Desert

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 [Ash Wednesday]
Genesis 3
Psalm 63:1-8
Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday: Hebrews 4:14-16



Hope on the Horizon

- ·Numbers 21:4-9
- · 2 Samuel 7:1-16 · Job 19:23-27
- · JOD 19:23-27
- Isaiah 42:1-9 • Daniel 7:13-14
- · Daniel 7:13-14
- · Zechariah 9:9-17 Sunday: Romans 8:22-30



Our Sacrificial Lamb

- · Genesis 22:1-18
- Exodus 12:1-17
- Psalm 23
- · John 1:1-34
- · John 10:1-18
- 1 Peter 1:18-23 Sunday: Revelation 5



Hatred & Persecution

- · Psalm 22 · Jeremiah 20:7-13
- · Matthew 24:1-31
- · John 11:45-57
- · John 15:18-25
- · 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- Sunday: 2 Corinthians 4



Hosannas for a King

- Psalm 24:7-10
 Jeremiah 23:5-6
 Matthew 21:1-11
 John 18:33-40
 John 19:1-16
 Use surgery 44:42
- ·Hebrews 1:1-12
- Sunday: Revelation 7:9-17

Journey to the Cross

- John 2:13-22
 Mark 14:1-11
 John 13:1-17
 Matthew 26:26-30
 Luke 22:39-46
- Mark 14:27-31, 66-72
- Palm Sunday: Ephesians 1:18-23



Victory Through Christ · Isaiah 53 · Matthew 26:47-56

Mark 15:16-20
John 6:47-58 [Maundy Thursday]
Matthew 27:32-54 [Good Friday]
Psalm 16:5-11 [Holy Saturday]
Easter Sunday: Luke 24:1-8;
1 Corinthians 15:47-57

Note: Sundays, known as "mini-Easters," are excluded from Lent's 40 days. But this reading plan includes verses for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

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LENTEN DINNERS:

The Lenten Service dinners commenced last week with the favorite Soup Supper, hosted by the Guild. We hope that you will be able to join us at 6:30 PM for dinner before the worship service starts at 7:30 PM.



Congregational Care

The remaining dinners will be:

March 12th will be hosted by the Chancel Choir March 19th will be hosted by the Consistory

March 26th will be a Potluck Dinner

April 2nd, to be determined

April 9th, to be determined

If anybody is interested in organizing either of the two potluck dinners, please contact Jean Greenlaw, (201) 313–8442.



A thank you for everybody that has signed up to host Sunday's coffee hour. Just a reminder, there is a sign-up sheet on the door leading to the kitchen so it is easy to sign up for a future date. If you haven't hosted before but are interested, let either Steve Baumann or Jean Greenlaw know and we will be happy to match you with somebody that can walk you through the set-up process on Sunday morning. The congregational care committee provides the coffee supplies, milk, and beverages so you only need to supply the time and snacks.

Please join us to celebrate the life of Wini Kinkele, a long-time member of our church, as well as a part of many of our organizations - elder, deacon, office assistant, recording secretary to consistory, guild executive, bazaar chair, stitchery group, and probably, many more.

CELEBRATION

Let us honor her contributions during a memorial service on Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 AM with a repast immediately following in Founders' Hall.



It is with deep sympathy that we remember the passing of CCHP member Ernest Hepperle. A funeral service was held in our sanctuary on March 1st. Please remember the Hepperle Family in your prayers.

> Marlene Hepperle 3 Tenakill Park Drive E., #313 Cresskill, NJ 07626

> > Jim Hepperle 122 Sylvan Avenue Leonia, NJ 07605



Congratulations to Ann Froeder on the birth of her granddaughter, Cove Alyse Wunschel, on February 17, 2025, and to her parents , Dustin Wunschel and Kelly O'Connor

Deanna Carman Family of Caring 1104 Teaneck Road Teaneck, NJ 07666

Harold Friedeman CareOne 800 River Road 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



Jocelyn and Tom Brueck 2620 Metzgar Road Saylorsburg, PA 18353



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To our beloved church family—The miles have not separated us from your love and concern for us during this difficult time. We thank you for all your prayers, cards and kind thoughts as we travel this difficult journey. Tommy has made progress, and we celebrate every good day. God is faithful, and we are trusting in Him. We are grateful to all who have held us in prayer.

Love, Merry and Tommy Thompson

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



Guild for Christian Service

Upcoming Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:30pm in the Johnson Chapel. Rachel Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 9th at 1pm in Johnson Chapel. All women are welcome to attend any circle meeting! We have begun a new study book focusing on the disciples.

Tracy Ciavaglia, President



The Guild will collect money during March for our annual Lenten service project to help the people devastated by the California wildfires. The fires swept through the Pacific Palisades,



The funds raised will be donated to Brentwood Presbyterian Church's Fire Fund, the CA church that Kathy and Chuck Dages attend when they are away from us. The donated funds will be given directly to the BPC Fire Fund, which will then be used to help those victims directly affected by the wildfires. Although it may seem like the fires were contained a while ago, the recovery process is still in its early days. For example, just last week, drinking water was restored to the residences and businesses in the Palisades area.

We hope you will consider donating to this very worthy cause. There is a box in the Narthex where you can drop your donations. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to "Guild for Christian Service."

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 11th, when we will be celebrating Blanket Sunday. The Guild will be selling hearts in the Narthex on May 4th & May 11th as part of our annual fundraiser for Church World Service.



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. **Our next meeting is Saturday April 12, 2025.** Bible study covering numerous topics is discussed. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship.

The Community Church in Harrington Park



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Children's Choir Practice 11:15 Property Committee	10 7:45 Bell Choir	7:30 Deborah Circle 7:30 Outreach	12 9:00 Courier Assembly 1:00 Rachel Circle 6:30 Lenten Supper 7:30 Lenten Worship 7:45 RWS in FH	7:30 Christian Ed 7:30 Choir	11—3:00 Club 60 in FH	15
16 9:00 Choir 10:00 Family Day Worship 11:15 Children's Choir Practice 4-6:00 Kids' Event Leprechaun House Decorating	17 7:45 Bell Choir	18	6:30 Lenten Supper 7:30 Lenten Worship 7:45 RWS in FH	20 7:30 Choir	21	22
23 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Children's Choir Practice 11:15 Guild Executive Mtg.	24 7:45 Bell Choir	25	26 Feed Our Souls 6:30 Lenten Supper 7:30 Lenten Worship 7:45 RWS in FH	27 Feed Our Souls 7:30 Choir	28	29
30 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Children's Choir Practice 11:15 Cong. Care	31 7:00 Worship Committee 7:45 Bell Choir	April 1	6:30 Lenten Supper 7:30 Lenten Worship 7:45 RWS in FH	3 7:30 Choir	9-12 Kitchen Prep and Set-Up	5 9:30 Women's Communion Breakfast
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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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