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Community Church in Harrington Park

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The Courier

Dear Community Church family,

It was great to celebrate Easter with all of you a few weeks ago. Every church has their own traditions and local culture, and I have enjoyed celebrating the resurrection with you. We have been busy at church over the past few months, and I personally have been busy with that work and my online courses which are preparing me for ordination in the RCA.

My understanding of Harrington Park and our church is that the summer is a more relaxed, subdued time, and as the good book says, for everything there is a season. I hope that in this season God blesses you and gives you His peace, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I am thankful to be your pastor and my family appreciates you.

Peace

Pastor Zach

NEXT COURIER DEADLINE: June 6th

*From the
Pastor*





WORSHIP COMMITTEE - Jim Lupfer

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!. We encourage you to use these weeks in May/ June, leading up to Pentecost on June 8, to grow closer to our risen Lord through prayer and worship.

The worship services and music during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday were a time of uplifting worship and prayer. We appreciate Pastor Waldis' messages every Wednesday, and on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Also, thank you to Jeff Pond for leading us in worship during Lent and for the Guild for Christian Service and those who set up the Easter lily display.

We are blessed with the many talented people who participate in our music program. Thank you to director, Amy Duran, the Chancel Choir and children's Alleluia Choir and to Dorothy Abelman and the Bell Choir for the music throughout the season, culminating with the glorious and joyous music that filled the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to the Sunday School and Christian Education committee for the Easter play and refreshments on Palm Sunday. There were 27 people at Pondside Park for the Easter Dawn service and most returned to the church for breakfast. A big thank you to all who set up at the service and those who cooked, set up, served and cleaned up at the breakfast and coffee hour following the Easter worship service. All of these times of worship and fellowship don't "just happen." We are blessed with many who are there to help.

LOOKING AHEAD: Please continue to sign up in the narthex to usher. It's an easy way to help out on a Sunday morning. Mark your calendars for the annual Communion breakfast and worship service on Father's Day, June 15, beginning at 9:30 AM in Founders' Hall.

We are very busy getting ready for our next skit – Heros of the Bible. Each puppeteer picks their own hero and talks about who they are and what they did. We will be performing this skit to the congregation on June 8. Come join us for the fun. We meet each Sunday in Founders' Hall, after the children's message. Any questions, please call Miss Joan (201) 519-1782 or email jhoerauf@naihanson.com.



CCHP Financial Update

For the four months ending April 30, 2025, CCHP recorded a small deficit of \$1,817. Total income was \$104,165 and total expenses were \$105,982. Our envelope giving, which represents over 70% of our total income, is down almost \$10,000 from last year's giving. The decrease in income was somewhat offset by a \$6,000 decrease in expenses as compared to last year.



Due to the significant reliance on member envelope-giving, we are reminded of the vital role each of us plays in sustaining the life and mission of our church. Your generous giving is essential to cover the daily expenses and bills that keep our ministry running—utilities, maintenance, outreach programs, staff support, and more. We are called to give faithfully and sacrificially. Your giving not only ensures the practical needs of the church are met, but it also empowers us to continue to be a beacon of hope, love, and service in our community. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in God's work.

Jeff Pond, Finance Committee

Did you know that instead of writing checks yourself, you can instruct your bank to send weekly or monthly checks to the Community Church? When logged in to your account, go to bill pay, and make the Community Church in Harrington Park, PO Box 185, Harrington Park, NJ 07640 one of your vendors. Then you can do "autopay" weekly or monthly for whatever amount you choose, or you can just instruct them to make single payments whenever you choose. No extra cost to you or the church for doing that.

Or . . . you can give through Paypal if you're accustomed to using Paypal. @CommChurch is the symbol you would use. That does cost 2.9% plus \$.30 per transaction. Paypal doesn't give you the option of increasing your giving to cover the cost of the fee.

Or . . . you can give through Tithely. It's an app on your phone that you would download. The fees for Tithely are as follows: Cards 2.65% + \$.30c per transaction; ACH .9% + \$.30 per transaction; AMEX 3.5% + \$.30 per transaction. Tithely does give you the option of increasing your donation to cover the fee.



Here's a comparison showing the fees for each giving platform:

Cost of Giving Through PayPal or Tithely

Supplier	Fees		Donation Amount per Week			
PayPal	%	Per Transaction	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Cards	2.89	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.59	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.75	\$ 3.19
ACH	2.89	\$ -	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.72	\$ 1.45	\$ 2.89

Supplier	Fees		Donation Amount per Week			
Tithely	%	Per Transaction	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Cards	2.65	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.96	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.95
ACH	0.9	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.20
AMEX	3.5	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.65	\$ 1.18	\$ 2.05	\$ 3.80

Of course, we are always happy to accept your donations via the offering plate on Sundays.

Lori Anders, Financial Secretary

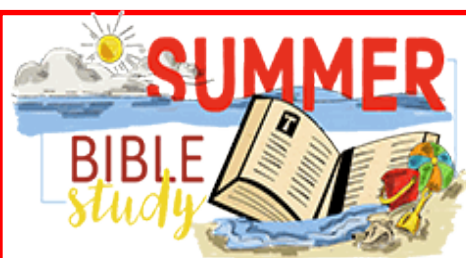
Wini Kinkele's Celebration of Life

On Saturday, May 3, over 75 people gathered in the sanctuary to celebrate the life of Winifred Jane (Haring) Kinkele. The service included beautiful music provided by Amy Duran, the Chancel and Bell Choirs and soloist, Les Cox. Pastor Waldis, Joan Hoerauf, Chris Novak, Sandy Bennington and Wini's niece, Debbie Haring offered remembrances. Wini's nieces and nephews and sister-in-law from Texas and Ohio were in attendance. It was a very meaningful, uplifting goodbye to our dear friend. Thank you to the Guild for Christian Service for hosting the repast after the service.

Wini was born on July 16, 1937 and passed away peacefully on December 24, 2024. She was a faithful member of CCHP and served consistory as an elder, as well as being the recording secretary for 25 years. She was president and secretary of The Guild for Christian Service and chaired the Bazaar for many years. She was also the CCHP wedding coordinator for over 25 years. She worked in the church office as a part-time secretary and substitute over the years. In 2007, she was recognized for her tireless and faithful work at the church. At Wini's request, memorial donations may be made to The Community Church, National Kidney Foundation, or Allegheny College Annual Fund.

National EMS Week in New Jersey is celebrated annually from May 18-24. The week is a time to recognize and thank the dedicated EMS professionals that are members of our church who provide critical life-saving care. This year's theme is "We Care. For Everyone."

Here are our CCHP heroes—Cody Budinich, Craig Budinich, Paul Budinich, David Hall, Bruce Marshall, Jeff Pond, Jonathan Tillack, Stephen Tillack, and Barry Wood.



Looking ahead to Summer Bible Study... Did you know that there is a book in the Old Testament that is sometimes called the Fifth Gospel? Why? Because there are so many references in it to the coming Messiah and to the suffering He would endure for you and for me. It is the book written by the prophet Isaiah.

We will not study the entire book, but we will look at how to understand the poetic style of writing, how to see the book in relation to the complexity of the time period, how the book pictures the coming Messiah, and how there is a prophetic message for us in the book (as it was in the time of Isaiah), both a warning and encouragement. And, of course, how the book of Isaiah can help us learn to wait upon God for strength. And give us His peace. (Isaiah 26:3) Will begin in July. Look for sign up in June.

The Bible Study will begin in July. Sign up will begin in early June.



*We extend our sympathies
to Amy Duran and her
family on the passing of her
mother,*

*Nancy Duran,
on April 22nd.*

*Please remember this family
in your prayers.*

*Amy Duran
60 Oak Street
Harrington Park, NJ 07640*

*Our sympathies are also
extended to the family of
Don Winters who passed
away on April 25th.*

*A memorial service will be
held on Sunday, June 8*

*from 1 to 4 PM
at the Lions Club,
148 Railroad Avenue*

Closter, New Jersey

*Jim Winters
29 Herring Street
Harrington Park, NJ 07640*

*Our beloved bell choir director, former
music director, organist and youth
choir director, Dorothy Abelman,
passed away on Friday, May 9, 2025.*

*Our music director, Don McDaniel,
hired Dot as the youth choir director,
which she did for many years. She
became a member of CCHP in October
of 1977.*

*Dot was the founder of the Community Church Ringers in
February of 1980 and served as the bell choir director until her
death. The Bell Choir just celebrated their 45th anniversary in
February.*

*Upon Phyllis Richter's retirement as organist, Dot assumed the
position on October 1, 1993 and served in that capacity through
September 30, 2020. She was instrumental in her role as a
member of the organ committee that was dedicated on May 10,
1987.*

*She also went back to being the Youth Choir Director from
September 1, 2010—April 30, 2018. And she served as the
music director from February 1, 2011 through September 30,
2020, dedicating many hours researching and listening to music
for the various groups to perform.*

*Being a faithful member of CCHP, she volunteered in many other
ways. She was a beloved member of the alto section of the
Chancel Choir before assuming the role of organist and
accompanist, and she served as the "Sunshine Lady" of the
choir, making sure that our choir members were taken care of
when there was a need. She was a member of Deborah Circle
and the Guild for Christian Service and served as Bazaar chair,
service chair, and president. She served on the Guild Executive
Committee until her death.*

*A memorial service for Dorothy will be held on Saturday,
May 31st at 11 AM in the sanctuary with a repast to follow in
Founders' Hall.*



*My sister , Nina, and I would like to express our
deep gratitude to everyone who has sent us
cards, prayers, messages, flowers, and meals, with
so much care and kindness, as we navigate this
time of great loss. And a special message from
my mom in Heaven—she says, "Thank you for
taking such good care of my daughter, for becoming her church
family, for allowing her to share her music with all of you, and for
truly caring for everyone in this wonderful town of Harrington
Park ."*



Amy Duran



Happy Spring from the Guild!

Thank you to all who helped with and attended the **Women's Communion Brunch**, especially to the men who served our delicious brunch! We hope everyone enjoyed a beautiful morning of worship, communion, and fellowship!

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30pm in the Johnson Chapel. Rachel Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 14th at 1pm in Johnson Chapel. All women are welcome to attend any circle meeting!

Save the date for our June potluck dinner on Tuesday, June 10th! All women are welcome to attend and bring an entrée or side to share! Dessert will be provided.



Notary Public Services
Available in the church office

Free of charge

Call Lori Anders

201-768-2457

Tuesday through Thursday

9 AM to 1 PM

If you have a loved one that is graduating from 8th grade, high school, college or higher, please let us know so we can include their name in our graduate listing in the June Courier. Email cchp@verizon.net or call the church office at 201-768-2457.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Lauren Clarke; Harold Friedeman; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Curtis Stock; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

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 June 14, 2025.** Bible study covering numerous topics is discussed. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 11:15 Cong. Care	5 7:45 Bell Choir	6 7:30 Consistory	7 7:00 RWS in FH	8 7:30 Choir	9 COURIER DEADLINE 11-3 Club 60 in FH	10 8:30 Men's Group
 11 <i>Blanket Sunday</i> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 7:45 Bell Choir	12 7:45 Bell Choir	13 7:30 Deborah Circle	14 9:00 Courier Assembly 1:00 Rachel Circle 7:00 RWS in FH	15 7:30 Chancel Choir	16	17
18 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 4:30-6:30 Kids' Event	19	20 8 AM—11 AM HPBOE in FH	21 7:00 RWS in FH	22	23	24
25 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS 3:00 Ramsey Wind Symphony in Concert in the Sanctuary	26 	27	28 7:00 RWS in FH	29  7:30 Chancel Choir	30	31 
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May, 2025

SS=Sunday School; FH=Founders' Hall;

RWS=Ramsey Wind Symphony; HPBOE= Harrington Park Board of Education



Ramsey Wind Symphony
in Concert
Community Church Sanctuary
Sunday, May 25 at 3 PM



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