



The Courier

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Dear Community Church family,

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." (Isaiah 40:8) As the leaves are done falling and we begin this summer season, I know that many folks travel, vacation, and life at church may become a bit more relaxed. I hope that God blesses you during these months and that you spend the time with people you love. We still have activities at church, and I look forward to spending four weeks with you living into God's story in the book of Ruth. It is one of my favorite Bible stories, and because it is relatively short we can dive into it fully over the course of a few weeks. Even or if you travel, I hope you will continue to read Scripture, pray, and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go. I am thankful to be your pastor and my family appreciates you.

Peace

Pastor Zach



*Reunions,
Banquet,
Celebrations*



Dear Friends at CCHP,

Janet and I are always deeply saddened whenever we receive "The Courier" sharing news that another member of the CCHP family has died. Sadly, it seems, this has been an all-too-frequent occurrence since Janet and I left HP back in 2013. Most recently, with the deaths of Wini Kinkele and Dot Abelman, the two of us are once again experiencing a sense of sadness and loss with their passing. Because we were unable to attend the memorial services for Wini and Dot, and because they meant so very much to us, I felt compelled to share a few of my own personal reflections about each of them.

Let me begin with Wini. Everyone who knew Wini loved her. She was cheerful and fun to be around. She wore a constant smile and never had a critical word to say about anyone. Wini served at my side during my 20-year tenure at CCHP as the clerk of consistory. She also filled in for Lori as the office administrator whenever Lori was away. Wini was the CCHP wedding coordinator for many years and was actively engaged in the Women's Guild. She attended Bible studies and worship regularly. Along with all of you, Janet and I shall always remember Wini with great fondness. Wini loved the Lord and because she did, the words of the psalmist come to mind, "The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance" (Psalm 112:6) as Wini surely will be.

Dot Abelman was also a fine woman and dear friend. She too was a devoted servant of Christ and a loyal member of the CCHP family. She was, as you know, a member of the church staff for well over 40 years. Dot worked primarily in the church's musical ministry as organist, chancel, cherub and chime choir director and as bell choir director, the ministry she cherished most dearly. She was also actively engaged in the Women's Guild and co-chaired, along with Val Hill, the Women's Guild Bazaar for many years. We all shall miss her. We commend both of these dear ladies into the hands of Almighty God.

Remembering these two dear women got me thinking about all of the many wonderful servants of Christ who have gone home to be with Jesus since Janet and I departed CCHP in 2013. I asked Lori if she could provide me with a list of the members of the CCHP family who died since our departure. I was taken aback to see how many familiar names were on it--a total of 28 dear friends, all active members of the congregation! Faithful servants of Christ who helped to make CCHP the truly wonderful congregation it is. We miss them all.

Being reminded of these fine individuals got me to thinking about three things--reunions, banquets and celebrations. Reunions are a time when people are reunited with old friends or family. There's one reunion that will be the best reunion of all--the reunion we'll all one day share in heaven. We'll see Jesus and be reunited with all of our dear friends and saints who have gone ahead. We'll sit at a table together and enjoy a marvelous banquet feast. Jesus will be our host and set before us will be a luscious buffet of delicious foods. It shall be a glorious celebration, a victorious homecoming where we shall laugh and rejoice, uniting our voices to sing the Lord's praise.

Today, as we mourn the passing of Wini, Dot, and so many others, let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul who said, "We do not grieve as others do who have no hope, for since we believe Jesus died and rose again even so through Jesus God will bring with him all those who have fallen asleep."

Let us hold fast to this marvelous promise as we look ahead in hope to Jesus and to that glorious day in the future when we shall all be gathered in heaven in Jesus' presence, reunited with all the faithful saints who have gone ahead, sharing in a marvelous banquet feast and a grand and glorious victory celebration together. Just think about how truly grand and marvelous it will be!

Thanks be to God for this glorious hope we have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kaden

P.S. Also, please continue to remember friends such as Tom Thompson and others in the church family who continue their battle with serious life-threatening illnesses.



Happy birthday to Diana Macerone on June 7th, Irene Scarangella on June 15, and Marilyn Hams on June 21st!

Mere words cannot express the deep gratitude I have for the concern and support shown by all of you during Dot's illness and subsequent passing. The amount of phone calls, cards, and food was overwhelming. The memorial service and repast could not have been more perfect. Zach, Amy, Barbara, the Chancel and Bell Choirs and, of course, the Guild ladies--Super! We certainly sent her out in style.

On behalf of Dot's family and myself, our most heartfelt thanks for being the wonderful church family you are.

Val Hill



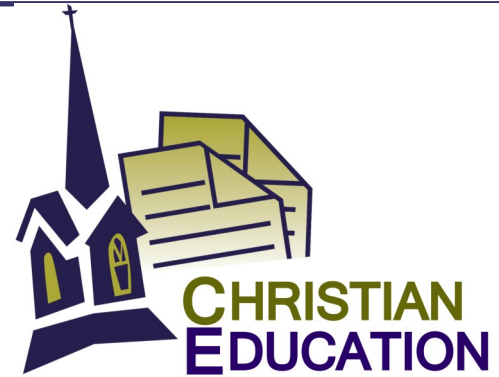
PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Lauren Clarke; Harold Friedeman; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Curtis Stock; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.



to Linda and Ray Walko for making sure our recycling gets to the recycling center each week and to Ray for keeping our Harriot Avenue sign current.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Sunday school children are very blessed! They sit and learn with Pastor Waldis during the children's message each Sunday. They work with Miss Joan doing puppets for the puppet ministry and with Miss Amy singing songs for the Children's Choir. Best of all, they each have some amazing Sunday School teachers who plan fun and exciting hands-on lessons. We would like to thank our wonderful teachers for a great year working with some amazing kids.



K-2

Nina Pond
Kayla Reilly

3-5

Tracy Ciavaglia
Mishona Waldis

Youth

Bob Carr

Special thanks to our helpers, too. We couldn't do it without you!

K-2

Lynn Baker
Jean Greenlaw
Jane Marshall
Linda Walko

3-5

Barbara Baumann
Steve Baumann
Alissa Johnson
Ellen Nelson
Qi Cao

Sunday School will continue through June 8th. During the summer, there will be packets made available for children to work on during the worship service. Thanks, once again, to all. We appreciate your hard work on behalf of the children of the church.

Lynn Baker
Paul Nelson



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. This "Fifth Gospel" 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 an 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)

The Bible Study will begin the week of July 7 and will be held for 5 weeks. The Zoom study will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 7:30. The in-person study will be held on Thursday mornings, beginning at 10:00 am. We welcome all to join one of these studies. You can shift between groups as you need to. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Pastor Zach will be leading an additional Bible study on the book of Ruth.

It will take place in the Johnson Chapel on Sundays after worship beginning on June 22nd at 11:15 AM and going through July 13th.

Please feel free to join in!



In the May issue of The Courier, we reported on different ways you can make your contributions to CCHP.

You may now use the QR code to the left to make your donations through the Tithely app.

Simply scan the code, and it will take you directly to our donation page in Tithely.

SPOT- LIGHT ON...

Love Lifts Us Up

Each year CCHP tithes 10% of the previous year's income to benevolent giving. Each month we send donations to different organizations that the outreach committee has deemed worthy of those donations. This month we will be sending our benevolent check to Love Lifts Us Up—a non-profit organization begun by our Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. George Kaden.

Since 2017 LLUU provides ongoing/real time assistance to underserved families of newborns and seriously ill children during a hospital admission and those requiring support upon discharge. More than 800 families have received assistance to date.

Some of the donations are used to provide transportation fees to visit children, prescription medication, required medical equipment and assistance in payment of pediatric funeral expenses.

They also collect items such as diapers, burp cloths, blankets, formula, Pack 'N Play or infant sleepers, food store gift cards, new infant car seats, among many other things.

If you'd like to make a donation yourself, you can do so by sending a check, made payable to Love Lifts Us Up and sending it to PO Box 382, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756. Or, you can go to their website at www.lluu.org.



Mescalero Reformed Church

Mescalero Reformed Church is another one of our missions that we support. It is nestled in the mountains of south-central New Mexico. Here, children chase each

other in front of the church and stir up dust as they race around, laughing. This is a safe place for them to just be kids. Between the afterschool programming, youth group, and the busy summer VBS and community activities, the church is often a beacon of light in the beautiful land of the Mescalero Apache Tribe. Many in this tribe are plagued by alcohol and substance abuse, family dysfunction, and poverty with seemingly little hope of escape.

Mescalero is richly blessed with a wonderful cultural heritage. Mescalero Reformed Church ministers to the community in a way that honors their Native American heritage and demonstrates how that heritage shapes their faith. Integrating Mescalero's cultural heritage is key for effective ministry. The church is currently led by their consistory as they search for a pastor.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>8</p> <p>PENTECOST SUNDAY</p> <p>9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship, Puppets & SS</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 Guild Potluck In FH 7:30 Outreach</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 Courier Assembly</p> <p>7:00 RWS in FH</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 Choir 7:30 Christian Ed</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 Men's Group</p>
 <p>15</p> <p>8:00 Choir 9:15 Breakfast 10:00 Worship in Founders' Hall</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 RWS in FH</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Worship 11:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 RWS in FH</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00 Worship 11:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>July 1</p> <p>7:30 Consistory</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 RWS in FH</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>10:00 Worship 11:15 Cong. Care Mtg. 11:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30 Zoom Bible Study 7:30 Outreach</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 RWS in FH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study 7:30 Christian Ed</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>

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SS=Sunday School; FH=Founders' Hall;

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

Fathers' Day is the third Sunday in June set aside to honor fathers. Credit for originating the holiday is generally given to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, whose father, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. She is said to have had the idea in 1909 while listening to a sermon on Mothers' Day, which at the time was becoming established as a holiday. Local religious leaders supported the idea, and the first Fathers' Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, the month of the birthday of Dodd's father. In 1924 U.S. Pres. Calvin Coolidge gave his support to the observance, and in 1966 Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson issued a proclamation that recognized the day. It became a national holiday in 1972, when Pres. Richard Nixon signed legislation designating the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.



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