

# CRESCENT CONNECTIONS

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Pastoral Letter

### Advent 2018 Finding Christmas

All of us lose things from time to time. It seems as I get older it happens to me more and more. I don't attribute it all to 'normal' aging, however (I still consider myself youngish), but more to the speed of life which seems to increase with each passing season (I used to think it only adjusted at a yearly rate). But it isn't only speed, it's also volume. With constant and instant accessibility due to the wonder of our phones and other devices, no longer can we leave certain aspects of our lives at rest, we are immersed in all aspects, all the time. There is no time 'off the clock' which, when coupled with the intensity of the news and life experiences, well, can leave a weary soul feeling lost. And now, let's add on the busiest of seasons which might drive the heartiest of souls running for cover.

The part of ourselves that gets driven furthest away when we try to navigate these troubled waters is our soul. That tender and yet resilient part of ourselves that knows the language of wonder, speaks in hushed tones of awe, is moved by the holy and connects us with Truth and meaning that lifts us beyond the mire of the mundane. Stifling our soul and failing to nourish it, starves our ability to experience what Christmas is all about. But when we do nourish our souls, it is then that the rest of our lives may align with God and we can begin to experience those gifts of Christmas that are special (although not unique) to this time of year--true joy, heartfelt peace, holy wonder, and much more.

We have much to rejoice in what God has done in our midst, even just since our last issue of our newsletter. We have welcomed new members into our family, celebrated the completion of the renovation of our kitchen (a major project for this church and for the community), offered our gifts for mission in a variety of ways, experienced an amazing journey of spiritual growth in our meditation series, and so much more. Please take some time to read through these articles. They are just a sample (but an important one) of the wonderful things that are happening right here, right now, in this generation of disciples.

I invite you to read through the activities that are yet to come. Plans for an amazing Advent and Christmas season of growth and worship, suggestions to make this season more fruitful and joyous for you. If you or someone you know is looking for a home this Christmas, please invite them to come here. We'd love to have you (and/or them!). Who knows this just might be the Christmas they discover the joy that has been lost or the wonder in knowing the God truly does love them and all of us so much that He sent His Only Son, in whose birth we forever rejoice.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Lynn*

## Building & Grounds

### November 2018 Updates

The Kitchen Renovation is 98% complete.

#### ***Kitchen Update***

The Walk-in-Freezer is complete. The condenser, electrical and Freon lines were connected the week of November 5, 2018.

The new freezer was put to work right away with the delivery of 43 frozen turkeys, that the First Unitarian Church was giving away on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Kitchenware cabinets were re-stocked on Saturday, 11/3/2018.



South Plainfield Boy Scout Troop 124 and 125 volunteers helped re-stock utensils, plates, pots and pans in our newly renovated kitchen.

Thank you!

Thanks to the following volunteers below we had a very successful day.

**Volunteers: Pat Baker, Mary Jo Buck, Leslie Fagan, Gerry Harvey, Kathy Mann, Gary Mann, Andre McIntyre, Joan Pivnichny, Wendy Reid, Dominique Stevens, Boy Scout Troops 124 & 125 and Barbara Wensburg.**

## Building & Grounds

### ***Member projects***

Many of our members have been working behind the scene to make sure that our church looks beautiful

On Friday, 11/2 Janna Peterson planted beautiful Mum's, and on Tuesday, 11/27 she refashioned the outdoor urns for the Christmas season.

### ***B&G projects***

The repairs recommended by our insurance company, Brown & Brown have been started.

- On 11/1 the potholes in the office parking lot and the Watchung parking lot were repaired.
- The uneven sidewalks on 1<sup>st</sup> place and Watchung Ave will be repaired the week of 11/5/18.
- The apron entrance and exit to 1<sup>st</sup> Place parking lot will also be repaired
- Missing shingles on 1<sup>st</sup> Place manse have been replaced.

Renovations, improvements and repairs reflect the pride we have in this amazing facility and our continued work to ensure it remains a viable, vibrant part of our community. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make it happen!

***Nick Stevens***

Committee Chairperson



# TEN WAYS TO MAKE YOUR ADVENT



1. Turn off your phone or other electronic devices for a certain period of time (you determine what you are comfortable with). Don't put them on silence, literally turn them off like you are on vacation and are unreachable. Always being reachable can tire a soul without you even realizing it.

2. Commit to be kind. During this season of giving decide how and where you wish to give. Helping make someone else's Christmas special can go a long way to helping make yours more special as well.

3. Schedule time off. Write it in your calendar, schedule it on your phone. Whatever you need to do in order to ensure you get some down time amidst all of the craziness will help you remain energized to accomplish what you truly wish to accomplish. Treat it as an immovable date as you would an important meeting...it IS important and you are worth it.

4. Make soul time a real time. Pick up a devotional, read something online each day. It doesn't have to be long, it just should be consistent. There are lots of resources available, or check with Pastor Lynn for other suggestions.

5. Define and refine what you are seeking this season. What is it you most want and how might you best achieve it? Identifying what is at your heart can help clarify to ensure it is something achievable. Often in the holidays we are not quite sure what we are looking for and so go blundering into the season trying to do all things and discover our heart-wish in the midst of it. That's a dangerous approach and often doesn't yield what you were seeking but instead clutters our vision, leaving us feeling let down or disappointed.

6. Discover your laugh points. Laughing alleviates stress and is a great way to keep things in perspective. What tickles your funny bone?

## SEASON MORE JOYOUS...

7. Give yourself a present. Sound crazy? We want others to mystically discern what we most want, but who better to identify our needs than ourselves? You are working hard this season (and others). Treat yourself (it's okay, the world won't come apart). It doesn't have to be big or extravagant (spa time? alone time? lunch with friends?).
8. Nourish your soul with music. Christmas music, sacred music, break out the tunes and sing along (or dance, we aren't judging). Music can lift our souls in ways words cannot and put us in touch with the season.
9. Come to church. Really. It helps keep the season in perspective and fills you with messages and music that will enrich your soul. It gives you time to gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ and remind you that you are part of God's family and He loves to have you home.
10. Put on your armor of peace. People's expectations of you might drive you to do way more than any one person can possibly accomplish, and then they can make you feel badly when you don't meet all of their expectations. Putting on the armor of peace means not owning their expectations, but meeting your own. Set achievable goals. Take time, make time, to celebrate what you have accomplished. Cross things off your list (brings its own sense of satisfaction and is a visible reminder that you are doing a lot). Begin and end each day with prayer, you cannot go wrong with that practice.

These are just some suggestions, you may have others. Either way, discover Christmas this year in your own heart and make room for God's love to shine!





**Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church**

presents a special Advent series

Sunday mornings, 9:00 am - Chapel

December 2, 9 and 16

Three Sundays that could change the way you think about the holiday—and offer an answer to the question you might not expect.

All are welcome, we hope to see you there!

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## Around the CAPC Campus

### Membership & Evangelism



The Membership & Evangelism Committee has been working on two big projects recently. In addition to welcoming new members, managing Crescent's Facebook and Website, organizing social activities and putting together quarterly newsletters, we have worked with Pastor Lynn on the New Member classes and events and now we are currently coordinating a new CAPC photo directory.

The New Member classes "Seeking a Fuller Understanding" culminated with a beautiful luncheon for prospective new members and the Session. Prospective members introduced themselves and shared their faith journeys and hopes. Session committee chairs explained their committees and opportunities for involvement. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, Alex Fitzgerald, Sherrie Granger, Georgiana Manu and Chrystal McArthur were received into the membership of CAPC during worship. A special Coffee and Fellowship cake and flowers helped celebrate this special event. Crescent is truly blessed to welcome these amazing brothers and sisters in Christ into our congregation. Please see their bios in this newsletter and on the bulletin board outside the Guild Room.

Since the last CAPC photo directory was almost ten years ago, the committee has decided to work with Lifetouch studios to create a new updated directory. (Some of the toddlers in the old directory are now in high school!) It is the hope of the committee and Pastor Lynn that everyone will participate and be represented in the new directory. There is no obligation, but appointments must be scheduled. Please see the "Smile!" photo directory information page in this newsletter, on the bulletin board at church, on the CAPC website. Contact BJ Snyder with any questions.

M & E held yet another successful Game Night at Crescent on October 19<sup>th</sup>. There was fun and some friendly competition playing Mexican Train Dominoes. Julie and Drude, Game On for next time!! Look for information on a new family social outing in the New Year!

Please remember that Membership and Evangelism, and other committees, are not just for officers. We depend on fresh ideas, energy and assistance from all members! Everyone has something to contribute. So please consider reaching out to a committee chair to learn more and get involved!

*BJ Snyder and Janna Peterson*

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### Membership & Evangelism – New Member Class



Alexander Fitzgerald

Alex and his family started coming to CAPC in 2016, when Allen Artz was Music Director. He is gifted musically, and quickly became part of the Chancel Choir, singing bass. He has served as accompanist for CE's "Holy Week Journey of Jesus" this past year. Alex is in his freshman year at Union County College.





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Sherrie Granger

Matthew 7:7

*“Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”*

As a young girl, Sherrie and her family worshipped at Grant Ave. Presbyterian Church. There, she sang in the Jr. Choir, along with Winnie Neal’s daughters. Sherrie’s mother, Ruth, was a church Elder. When the Grant Ave. church closed its doors in the late 1970s, her family began attending CAPC. Sherrie was married at Crescent in 1981. Life circumstances has brought Sherrie back to worship here after some time away. She likes to sit in pew 39, because this is where she and her mother worshipped when her mother was alive.

Sherrie was born in Morristown, NJ. She has also lived in Connecticut, and in Greece. Her family is of African and Native American decent on her mother’s side, and her great grandfather on her father’s side came from Barbados. As a child she wanted to be an archeologist. Her grandparents traveled the world, and their home contained many artifacts from their travels which fascinated her.

As a young girl, she worked for a local modeling agency. She attended fashion week in NY, and became a fitting model for a major designer. She attended Douglas College at Rutgers on scholarship, where she majored in art. She was interested in becoming a fashion illustrator, did pen & ink renderings, and created back-drops for stage plays.

For most of her professional life, Sherrie worked in the fashion industry for top designers. Sherrie does not see fashion as something superficial. For her it is a means of empowering women through improved self-image. The stress and long hours of her work led to some serious health issues, and early retirement. However, she firmly believes that God always places us exactly where He intends us to be, if only we would listen! She looks forward to doing something related to health and wellness in the near future.

Sherrie’s favorite hymns: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee; Lift Every Voice and Sing; and Amazing Grace.

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### Georgiana Manu

John 3:16

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*



Agape love is important to Georgiana. She was drawn to worship at CAPC because here she feels so welcomed into our church family. Of course, her husband, Henry, and her son, Sam (both members of CAPC already), were instrumental in her decision to become a CAPC member.

Georgiana was born in Kpetema, an African village in the Southern Province of Sierra Leone. She is a member of the Mende tribe, who favor learning over doing business. To them, education comes first. They are also known to command respect and possess leadership qualities.

As a child she attended a Methodist-run elementary school. She quietly explains that in her village, children did not have “free time” or hobbies. Either they were in school, or studying, or they were at home doing chores to help their parents. Her high school was Muslim. She smiles in the telling, exclaiming what a variety of faiths she has experienced in her life.

Georgiana attended Poltkolo Teacher’s College, a 4-year community college. Besides her major in math, Georgiana also enjoyed studying physics and chemistry. She became a teacher and taught 5th grade. In her time as a teacher, she used the book “Animal Farm” to teach diversity.

In her church in Africa, she served as an usher and as an Elder.

Georgiana’s favorite hymn is “Showers of Blessings”.

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### Chrystal McArthur

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 13

*“For everything there is a season, and a time  
for every matter under heaven...”*

As a child, Chrystal attended Catholic school in Harlem. She participated in dance classes for most of her childhood and teenage years. She also loved going to the beach, summer camp, hiking, and outdoor activities.

In college, she majored in Psychology and Education. She holds an additional degree in Counseling. Her most memorable college experiences were encountering African-American students from all over the country, especially those whose families were professionals with different life experiences from her own. In her college years she developed a greater sense of pride in being African-American.

Highlights from her profession as counsellor include: going to the White House to discuss internship opportunities in DC; attending the UN to learn about career opportunities there; working as a counselor for State Department employees transitioning into a new phase in their lives; and career counseling.

Chrystal has been married to her husband, Frank, for close to 41 years. She has two sons, Quinton and Marcus; daughters-in-law, Amy and Nadia; and a grand-daughter, Isley.

Chrystal began attending CAPC in about 2010 in order to bring the children from Bethel Presbyterian Church to Sunday school at CAPC. She enjoys the Bible-focused teaching to enrich her knowledge of the Bible, the Lenten worship services, and she admires the dedication that Pastor Lynn Santulli and our congregation bring to serving our community, as well as our world outreach.

In her time off, Chrystal likes going to the gym, working in the garden, and participating in service projects. Her favorite book is “Of Water and the Spirit” by Malidoma Patrice Some. Her favorite hymns: Please be Patient with Me God is Not Through with Me Yet; Lord, I’m Available to You; There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (Presbyterian Hymnal #398).

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### Membership & Evangelism – Photo Directory



**SMILE!**



**You spoke, we listened! The membership and Evangelism committee is pleased to announce a new CAPC photo directory is in the works! Our last was 2009, so it is time. We have partnered with Lifetouch photography for this event.**

**Both members and non-members and their families will have the opportunity to have photos taken, and will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo and an offer to buy additional photos, but there is no obligation. And by family, we mean humans and pets also! So bring on the fur! Photos are promised to arrive by Christmas.**

**Photographed members and their demographic information will be included in the beautiful directory, designed to highlight Crescent's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. And each member or member family will receive a directory early in the new year. As an additional plus, Lifetouch will donate \$2 to our Food Ministries for each person or family photographed, so this is a way to support our missions as well.**

**Photo sessions will be Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-9pm. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board each Sunday. It is also easy to schedule your appointment Monday through Saturday online at**

**<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yjng35qm/>**

**Lifetouch will also accept a limited number of submitted photos of military personnel, shut ins, or members not living locally. We are also looking for volunteers to take 2 hour shifts as facilitators for the photography sessions. Please let BJ know if you can help.**

**So please, please sign up to be included and invite your families and friends! We would love to have 100% participation. Don't miss this wonderful and very convenient opportunity to have professional photos for the holidays and after and to be part of this special Crescent memory.**

**(Contact BJ Snyder if you need more information)**

## Around the CAPC Campus

### Christian Education and Nurture

#### *Seasons of Change*

by Stephanie DeGeneste, Director of Children's Ministries

Fall is such a gorgeous time of the year. Nature's colors are on view in a full array of hues: orange, gold, red, brown, with the remaining green leaves on trees forming a panoply of beauty against an azure sky that often reveals various shades of blue and different tints of gray clouds intermingling with white clouds. This type of landscape, coupled with ever increasing chilly temperatures form a special backdrop for walks where the beauty of the autumnal scene takes one's breath away and provides a moment to pause and contemplate the season that is fast approaching ...winter. That season will bring frigid temperatures and the stark contrast of glistening white snow on bare brown branches. As the Bible states so eloquently in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."



Just as it's hard to escape the changing colors of the leaves during autumn, so it's been impossible for teachers involved in Christian Education in day schools and Sunday Schools not to notice that the number of children who are being exposed to Christian education with regularity is greatly reduced from even a decade ago. Crescent has definitely been hit with this phenomenon, and nowhere has it been more apparent to us than in our Pre-School-2nd Grade age group. There are only 6 children registered for the class. On occasions two to three weeks can pass by without even one child coming to Sunday School. We realize that grandparents do not have the custodial authority to bring their grandchildren to class each week, and some of our registered children live far away from Plainfield, while others are engaged in various activities that meet on Sunday morning. So the Christian Education and Nurture committee paused to contemplate the picture that was emerging and thought that during this season of change, perhaps we should make a change for this particular class, at least for the remainder of the 2018-2019 Sunday School year.

Instead of a weekly Sunday School class for the Pre-school-2nd Grade group that meets from 9:30-10:15 a.m. as our other age groups gather, our littlest students will have three "special" sessions that correspond with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. They will gather after church during Coffee Hour. Parents and grandparents can enjoy the class with them, which will include a Bible story, hands-on activity, and some music. Our first "special" session was held on November 25th. We're eager to see how this change works out. In fact, CEN is planning to have a Focus Group at the end of our Sunday School year to get feedback from our parents and grandparents about this particular change, and our program in general.

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### Christian Education and Nurture



So, if you're the parent or grandparent of a Pre-School-2nd Grade child, please mark your calendar and plan to bring your little one to our Thanksgiving "Special" Session on November 25th. Remember, this age group will no longer meet weekly at the scheduled Sunday School hour, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Please pray for this season of change that something beautiful will emerge for our youngest children as they gather to explore Christian teaching about Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

*Stephanie DeGeneste*



Calling Pre-Kindergarten-2nd Grade Students  
For Christian Education and Nurture's  
"Special Sessions" designed with this age group in mind



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| <b>When:</b> | <u>November 25<sup>th</sup></u>  |  | (Thanksgiving theme)  |
|              | <u>December 9<sup>th</sup></u> , | (Christmas theme)   |  |
|              | and <u>April 7<sup>th</sup></u>  |  | (Easter theme)  |

**What time:** 11:30-noon after worship during Coffee Hour

**What Room:** 105

**What's Going On:** A brief teaching on the day's theme, music, and a hand-on activity

**RSVP to:** Stephanie DeGeneste, Director of Children's Ministries, 732.545.9422 or smdeg7@juno.com

\*These "Special Sessions" are in lieu of weekly Sunday School classes @ 9:30 a.m. for this age group.

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The Christian Education & Nurture Committee  
cordially invites you to...

**Journey to Bethlehem**



Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018

9:30 a.m. Sharp

Guild Room &  
Assembly Room

A unique Sunday School presentation that depicts the Christmas Story primarily through the eyes of Mary & Joseph.

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### The Gala



“Gala” is defined as a gay celebration and that is exactly what we had on the evening of Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>! Everything from the beautifully decorated assembly room with white tablecloths with beautiful flowers and kitchen-themed centerpieces, chair covers with bow sashes to the 47 (yes, 47!) fabulous Tricky Tray baskets said FUN in capital letters.

The jazz band, GBP, played as guests arrived; setting off the festivities that started with a Cocktail Hour in the Guild Room with wonderful passed Hors D’oeuvres prepared by Stone Soup, the catering service of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey’s Food Service Training Academy. Everyone mingled and sipped and talked and nibbled while perusing the Tricky Tray baskets and putting their tickets in for the ones they hoped to win.



Guests then moved from the Guild Room to the Assembly Room for the wonderful buffet dinner of Parmesan crusted breast of chicken, beef tips Bourguignon, truffled whipped potatoes, Caesar salad, vegetables and even a Pasta Station with assorted sauces. All this delicious food was prepared and served by Stone Soup and they were as professional and amazing as the food.

Pastor Lynn gave the Welcoming Remarks and introduced the two video presentations, one of the soup kitchen food ministry and one showing the construction of the kitchen renovation. They were shown to an enraptured audience. Janet Ramsey was honored and recognized for her service to the bag lunch program. The Soup Kitchen Ministry was dedicated and named “Valarie’s Kitchen” in honor of Valarie



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Fisher who started it all. Major donors to the renovation were recognized with special thanks to the Keyes Family Foundation who surprised us with an additional donation of \$22,000 that evening!



The GBP Band picked up the pace with dance tunes after the program and during dessert with quite a few folks getting up to dance to the music. Then at 9:30 PM came the moment we'd all been looking forward to as everyone pulled out their tickets to see what they'd won. The 50/50 was announced first with a pot of \$800, so the winner won \$400, a real bonanza! Following that the winners of the 47 Tricky Tray baskets began to be announced. Committee members and others served as runners to bring the baskets out in order, as they were arranged along the hall to the Guild Room, in the Guild Room and passage way to the Assembly Room. The excitement was palpable and everyone was happy and pleased with their wins. CAPC was also a big winner, netting \$11,000 from the event.



It was truly a wonderful evening with everyone in attendance clearly enjoying themselves and many saying so that night and afterwards by posts on FaceBook and other social media. We advertised the Gala as "An evening of celebration, dinner and dancing" and we did not disappoint!

With many thanks to the hard working Gala Committee who made it all possible –

Katy Mann, Chair; Pat Baker, Drude Crane, Pat Fleming, Laura Mann, Karen Massey, Janna Peterson, Lynn Santulli, BJ Snyder, Dominique Stevens, Henry Ward, Barbara Wensburg

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### Blessing of the Animals



Sunday November 18th  
we gave thanks for our furry friends with our  
CAPC Blessing of the Animals  
(special collection went to the Plainfield Humane Society).

We have so much to be thankful for,  
we didn't want to forget our friends!

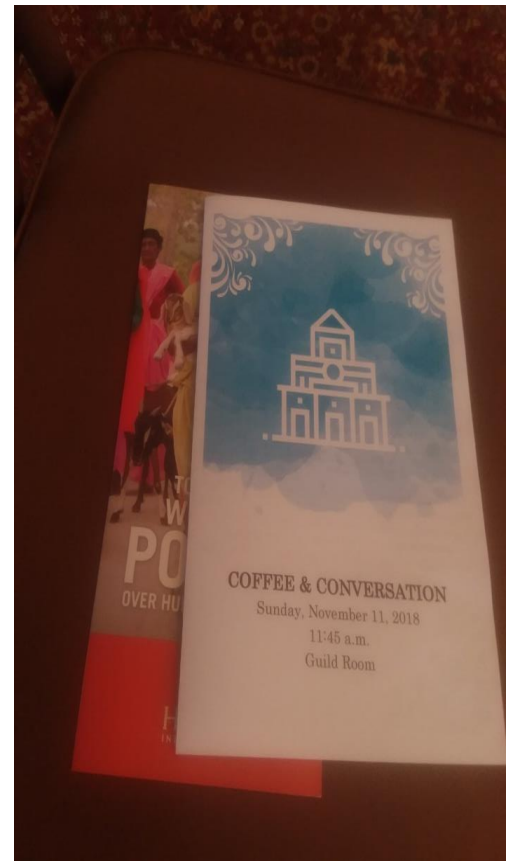
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### CAPC – Coffee & Conversation



We welcomed Heifer International speakers during Coffee and Conversation November 11<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School students collected donations for this worthy project.



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### Mission & Outreach

#### Soup Kitchen Subcommittee

After getting Session approval, members of the Soup Kitchen Subcommittee met on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Attending were Cindy GaNun, Winnie Neal, Janna Peterson, Janet Ramsey, Pastor Lynn and Pat Fleming. Jo-Ann Bandomer was unable to attend this first meeting.

The Subcommittee discussed and agreed on the traits and skills we would want in our Chef Manager of the Soup Kitchen, now known as "Valarie's Kitchen". These included ServSafe Certification, Leadership/Management/People skills, Cooking skills and menu planning, and knowledge of available food resources for supplying Valarie's Kitchen. We felt we would need this person on site from 8AM to 2PM on Tuesdays, with some off-site work for menu planning, creating shopping lists, ordering food and supplies, etc.

We have reached out to and are in touch with the Placement Officer, Wilma Armstrong, at the Food Service Training Academy (FSTA) of the Community FoodBank of NJ regarding the possibility of one of their graduates providing the Valarie's Kitchen Chef Manager services in exchange for a reduced rental for using our commercial kitchen for their own culinary operation(s), e.g., catering, pastry chef/baking, etc. Wilma is collaborating with Chef Paul Kapner who runs the FSTA and they have 2 possible candidates in mind, but want to discuss our "barter" idea of management services for kitchen use before recommending them.

An extra advantage of getting someone from the FSTA is that they would be aware of the process for obtaining food from the Community Food Bank as well as the types of food items available both for Valarie's Kitchen and the bag lunches. For those of you who attended the Gala on November 10<sup>th</sup> you can attest to the culinary skills coming out of the FSTA.

Longer range plans include the expansion of the Food Ministry of Crescent beyond Valarie's Kitchen. Towards this end we discussed the possibility of establishing a Board consisting of churches, companies, non-profits and individuals interested in partnering to alleviate hunger issues in the Plainfields.

#### Starfish

We have changed the usual big Starfish collection the Sunday before Thanksgiving to ask that donations of holiday related foods be made throughout the months of November and December. Collected items will be delivered after Thanksgiving and another delivery, assuming additional contributions, before Christmas. Although we usually do a large collection the Sunday before Thanksgiving we decided there was so much going on this Sunday (Blessing of the Animals, Heifer collection) that it was better to defer the collection for Starfish and spread the collection out over several weeks. We also learned that Starfish has usually already assembled their Thanksgiving baskets before we do our collection, so we felt this would work out better.

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**Cameroon** – Several of our members from the Cameroon have approached the Mission Committee and Pastor Lynn about doing something to help the people in the Cameroon, however there were no concrete suggestions presented on what assistance to offer or how to proceed with giving it. Pastor Lynn reached out to the Presbyterian Missionaries for the Cameroon asking them for suggestions on how we could offer help. We have now received a response with information regarding a new school that opened to replace one that had to be closed for safety reasons because of conflict in the area where it was located. The Missionaries have provided account information on making donations through the Presbyterian Extra Commitment Opportunity account. Look for information in the coming weeks on how you can support our friends in the Cameroon.

**Angel Tree Christmas Project** – We decided to do something locally this year and have obtained the names of 25 local needy children from the Salvation Army out of the 1200 names they have collected.

**Look for the names displayed on the Angel Tree in the Library**, select a name or names from the display and purchase the gift requested by the child if possible. The Salvation Army has set Guidelines for the gifts – suggested price limit of \$40; gifts should be unwrapped but gift wrap for them would be appreciated so Salvation Army can wrap them; return all gifts to the Church no later than December 10<sup>th</sup> for delivery to the Salvation Army between December 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. ***We hope that the Congregation will be Christmas “Angels” by taking a name from the Angel Tree and making this a brighter Christmas for these children. Thank you!***

*Pat Fleming*



## Around the CAPC Campus

### Mission & Outreach – Angel Tree



**Please Be An Angel and take a name from our Angel Tree....**

The Mission and Outreach Committee has collaborated with the Plainfield Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project as our Christmas Project this year. The Salvation Army has 1200 gift requests from needy children in the area and we have taken 25 of them.

Please look for the **Angel Tree** in the Library and select a tag that contains the name, age, gift request and clothing size of the child for whom you will be the "Christmas Angel". When taking a gift tag from the Angel Tree, please tear off the bottom portion at the perforation, leave the top part on the Tree and put the Tag number and YOUR NAME on the sign-up sheet. Suggested price limit is \$40 and an appropriate alternative to the requested gift is OK if the requested gift cannot be easily found or is too expensive.

**All gifts should be returned to the Office no later than December 10<sup>th</sup> for delivery to the Salvation Army between December 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Gifts should be left unwrapped, but the Salvation Army would appreciate the gift wrap so they can wrap the gifts for delivery to the children.**



Thank you for your enthusiastic and generous support of this project to make some child's Christmas a brighter and better one!

## Nadia Ayouba - God's mission in Greece

### *Sharing God's Love with refugee families*

Mission co-worker the **Rev. Nadia Ayoub** has accepted a new call to serve refugees and forced migrants in Greece.

"God remembered," she said, explaining that it was in Greece many years ago that she first felt the call to seminary. Now, after decades of mission service, her work has come full circle: Her most recent service, in preschool education among Roma children and their parents in Ukraine, has prepared her to support inclusion of refugees in Greece.



Nadia works with Perichoresis, an organization initially created by the Greek Evangelical Church of Kacerini and the General Synod of the Evangelical Church of Greece to provide relief services for refugees. Currently Perichoresis provides housing and support for 550 refugees in 115 apartments in the city of Kacerini. Nadia serves these families as a preschool worker and translator.

"As I think about God's call to me to serve among the refugees and strangers," Nadia said, "I see I was that stranger not once but many times." She identifies with refugee families who need support because they are frightened and unable to speak the language. "The situations in their homelands must be dire to travel so far, risking their lives and the lives of their children," she said.

"I pray for the ability to serve and strengthen the church's purpose of embracing the stranger," Nadia said. "May God give me ears to hear their real needs."



## **Nadia Ayouba - God's mission in Greece**

*Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'*  
*John 14:6*

Dear Friends and Families,

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only way to the Father, I greet you from Katerini, Greece. I thank God very much for his love for us and for sending Jesus to show us the way to come back to the Father, know the truth and have life. This is the message that I need to tell over and over again to the many people who ask me, "Why have you come to Greece?"

Dear partners, I thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement and financial support that have enabled me to be in Greece for the past two-and-a-half months. It has been incredibly overwhelming trying to understand the extent of the refugees' needs. And what are these needs? Until now, I knew very little about the situation of the economically impaired Greek people who are trying to help very poor and needy refugees.

As they witnessed the growing refugee crisis on the borders of Greece, members of the Greek Evangelical Church in Katerini recognized it was their Christian duty to help Syrian forced immigrants, and they opened their homes to receive the refugees who fled the war and came to the Greek borders. And then they formed Perichoresis, rented many apartments and brought more refugees from the main refugee camps at the borders. But, it was a bigger commitment than the people of the church could take on alone, so they accepted help from UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). The refugees receive aid from the UNHR for housing, utilities and living allowances.

Perichoresis serves refugees from Syria and many other countries — Africa, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Palestine, and even Kuwait. Many of these refugees recognize that Greece cannot sustain their families for a long time, so they stay for a short time until they find other countries to go to. This is very difficult for the numerous Greek people who really would like many of these refugees to stay and become integrated into the Greek community. Sadly, as the Perichoresis workers get to know and love the refugees, they leave to go to other countries. That is the discouraging side of this ministry.

By God's grace, I have begun my work in translating for Arabic-speaking refugees at the Katerini hospital. At first, the doctors and the hospital workers were resistant to speaking English, insisting that I speak Greek. I agreed that I need to learn the Greek language, but shared that since helping people is the first priority, it is necessary to speak English until I am more proficient in the specialized Greek vocabulary used in the healthcare field. Though I understand some of it, I even have problems understanding the general Greek language in Katerini. People in Katerini are from Greek-Turkish descent, so the language is a mix of Greek and Turkish. Thank God many doctors, nurses and office workers have agreed to use English.

I have also been asked to join an art class for refugees and women from the Evangelical Church of Katerini that takes place every Monday evening. As we create crafts, we talk and make friends with each other.



## Nadia Ayouba - God's mission in Greece

On Tuesday evenings, we have family fellowship in one of the Evangelical Church buildings with the cooperation of a group of Christian church leaders from Thessaloniki who are from Egypt, Sweden and Greece. These leaders come every Tuesday from Thessaloniki to Katerini and help teach the Christian faith to refugees. During this time, we explore the Christian faith. The next day at the hospital, when I see the Syrians who attended the meetings, they sometimes ask me questions. One couple shared that they knew this information about Christianity before but wonder what they need to do to be Christian. I replied, "It is your choice to decide if you would like to accept and live by the Christian faith." Other refugees come with questions about their own faith. Mostly I listen to them and let them hear themselves and think about what they asked me. At all times, I leave the door open for them to come back, talk with me and ask more.

The Greek Evangelical Church leaders agreed to sponsor my Greek visa invitation. I have come back to the USA to work with the Greek Council in New York in acquiring a Greek visa. I pray it will be granted in a short time so that I can go back to Katerini, Greece, and help with what the Lord has started there among the refugees.



I thank God that after living in a hotel for my first 20 days in Greece, I was able to move into a fifth-floor apartment. The apartment is in the center of Katerini, near the bus station and a good supermarket, but a little far (about a 20-minute walk) from the Evangelical church where I go to worship on Sunday and attend the Monday class and Tuesday fellowship mentioned above. The apartment is a good size for me, but perhaps because it is old, the plumbing is leaking and all the taps are dripping. I pray I will find a better place, but if not, I will need to do some renovation when I return from my trip to the States.

A little note about the Roma people in Karpatalja, Ukraine: Thanks be to God, the children have started the new school year. There are about 25 children between the ages of three and five in the kindergarten. The afterschool program is going well, supported with funds from Hungary. Pastor Elemer and his family continue to lead family worship for Roma people on Sundays and weekly Bible study in the Roma homes.

Thank you so much for your active partnership through your prayers, encouragement and financial support for my ministry among refugees and forced immigrants. Your support makes it possible for me to be used by the Lord in Greece for God's glory and the welcoming of those considered to be outsiders into God's kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

Nadia

## Around the CAPC Campus

### Spotlight on the Acolytes

by

Stephanie DeGeneste,  
Director of Children's Ministries

I know you've seen them on the second through the last Sundays of the month, our Acolytes, who in gold robes process down the center aisle holding the open Word of God in their hands as the congregation sings the Procession Hymn. They slowly ascend the Chancel steps, gently and carefully place the Bible on its stand and then exit the Chancel. Did you ever wonder what verse the Bible is opened to? It's Psalm 119:105, "*Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path,*" the verse selected three years ago by one of our Acolytes, Lia Haynes, when the Acolytes started this aspect of their service to the CAPC congregation. Our Acolytes faithfully serve during Sunday morning worship services, at the Tenebrae service on Good Friday, and any other special occasion that their service might be needed.

At a time when so many young people do not attend church, not to mention serve in their churches, the Christian Education and Nurture Committee wanted to put the spotlight on our youth because they are bringing glory to God and are a true blessing to our congregation. The 2018-2019 Acolytes are: Kristopher Archer-Kennedy, Nicolas Archer-Kennedy, Lia Haynes, Xavier McIntyre, McRae Nkellefack, and Wendy Nkellefack. Lia, Xavier and McRae have been serving as Acolytes for three years, Wendy for two years, and Kristopher and Nicolas started as Acolytes this year. The information presented below will help our readers get to know our Acolytes, and we truly hope it will form the basis for the adults in our faith community to engage with them and encourage them as they move along on their faith journey.

**Name: Kristopher Archer-Kennedy**

**School:** Cedar Hill Prep

**Grade:** 7th

**Academic or Career Goals:** To be a professional soccer player.

**Why I became an Acolyte:** To grow more with the church and in my faith.

**How I hope my service will bless CAPC:** To help and inspire people in everyday life.

**Please pray for:** My family-mom, dad, brother, grandmother, aunt, and cousins.

**Name: Nicholas Archer Kennedy**

**School:** Franklin Middle School

**Grade:** 8th

**Academic or Career Goals:** To be a soccer player, referee and go to college.

**Why I became an Acolyte:** I want to be a part of my church family.

**How I hope my service will bless CAPC:** I want to help with community service and inspire others.

**Please pray for:** My mom, dad, 2 dogs and cat.

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**Name: Lia Haynes**

**School:** Plainfield High School

**Grade:** 12th

**Academic or Career Goals:** To study dance or Africana Studies

**Why I became an Acolyte:** I believed the idea of it was a great way to get Sunday School students involved.

**How I hope my service will bless CAPC:** Provide more assistance whenever needed.

**Please pray for:** Aunt Hortense Blair.

**Name: Xavier McIntyre**

**School:** South Plainfield High School

**Grade:** 9th

**Academic or Career Goals:** To graduate high school with all A's.

**Why I became an Acolyte:** To help out the church.

**How I hope my service will bless CAPC:** To allow the congregation see kids work.

**Please pray for:** My family.

**Name: McRae Nkellefack**

**School:** Plainfield High School

**Grade:** 12th

**Academic or Career Goals:** Get into the college of my choice.

**Why I became an Acolyte:** I became an Acolyte as a way to serve the church.

**How I hope my service will bless CAPC:** Inspire the younger ones to participate in church related activities.

**Please pray for:** My college application process, friends, and family.

**Name: Wendy Nkellefack**

**School:** Union County TEAMS Charter School

**Grade:** 6th

**Academic or Career Goals:** To get A's and B's.

**Why I became an Acolyte:** I became an Acolyte by going to CAPC every day.

**How I hope my service will bless CAPC:** By telling the kids that even though we are kids we can worship God.

**Please pray for:** Grandma.

## Around the CAPC Campus



Pictured above are four of our six Acolytes. Two were away the day the photo was taken. The Acolyte's full name is always included on the back page of our church bulletin on the day their service is offered to our congregation. Now that we've had a chance to shine the spotlight on Kristopher, Nicholas, Lia, Xavier, McRae, and Wendy, we hope you'll pray faithfully for them and get involved in their lives in ways that let them know their church family greatly appreciates their service and is cheering them on in their spiritual and life journeys.



## Amazon Helps Crescent Smile!

Good news just in time for holiday shopping! Our Finance Committee has added Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church as a charitable organization on Amazon Smile. That means that 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon Smile or Amazon Smile Prime will come back to the church! If that doesn't sound like a lot, a certain unnamed member generated \$2.95 back to Crescent in just 2 days!

See the instructions below to change or add Crescent as your Amazon Smile charity. Not all purchases are eligible, but I have found that most are. The most important thing to remember is to **always go to smile.amazon.com for your purchases.** If you use the regular Amazon app and put items in your shopping cart, they will be there when you go to **smile.amazon.com.** There does not seem to be an Amazon Smile app, so you must go the **smile.amazon.com** site directly to place orders.

### Change or add Your AmazonSmile Charitable Organization

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| 3. Select a new charitable organization to support.  |
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# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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## **CAPC -- A History**

### **Our Presbyterian History**

by Rev. Charles Brackbill

#### **The Early Years**

Presbyterians had to decide which side they would join. Our Presbytery of Elizabeth chose the Old School denomination. Now the ministers and churches had to agree or risk expulsion. None defected. However, if members of a church were more in tune with New School thinking, they had only one choice, and 86 members of the Plainfield church made that choice on February 16, 1844 when they asked for letters of dismissal from the First Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, with the intention of organizing a new church.

Their requests were granted, and on March 21, 1844 at 2 p.m. a small group met at the home of Cornelius Boice, next door to the church. He was a church member and a prominent attorney. Two representatives of the New School Presbytery of Brooklyn were present to insure that everything was in order. Thus the church was born, and thus began the history of this people of God.

How difficult it was in a small congregation and a small town of perhaps 1,500 people. Eighteen of the 86 people were among the charter members, some 19 years earlier, of the very church they left. They had Biblical names: Josiah, Ephraim, Abraham, Jeremiah, Job and Hannah.

The action was not precipitous. According to records of First Church, there had been a great deal of discussion prior to the division. One vote taken was to remove the pastor, the Rev. Lewis Bond, suggesting this was a serious matter indeed. He did resign, but later that action was declared unconstitutional by the Presbytery because it had been acted upon by former members already dismissed to the new church. Mr. Bond was reinstated and he remained pastor for 13 more years until his retirement, having served the church for 32 years. He died in his 89<sup>th</sup> year and one of our pastors paid him tribute with these words: "He lived and died an honorable man." He is buried in the old Presbyterian Cemetery.

Surely the founding of the "Second" Presbyterian church of Plainfield, New Jersey was greatly affected by the New/Old School controversy. Those 86 people did not leave to found an independent church but one that was related to a New School Presbytery. Their desire was to be a Presbyterian Church, and so they became.

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As part of the inaugural documents one finds a kind of Declaration of Independence which was printed in their first manual.

“...having been, for various reason and for considerable time, persuaded that (our) own edification and usefulness, and the proper education of (our) children, alike demanded some decisive change in (our) ecclesiastical relationships; and determining to proceed, in effecting it, in a way as much as possible, agreeable to the principles of peace, order, and good neighborhood, (we) asked and received a regular dismissal for the purpose of becoming a regular Church of Christ...”

Like the good Presbyterians they were, they proceed to spell out in exquisite detail just what it would mean to be a member of the Plainfield Presbyterian Church.

“...to attend the Sabbath services regularly, punctually, spiritually, devotedly...To stay away on Sabbath afternoon, or Wednesday evening, or from the Preparatory Lecture, or from the monthly concert, or the prayer meeting...is a positive sin...unless you are providentially hindered.”

Members were reminded that a rainy day was no excuse for not attending services. Furthermore, if a member was absent from Communion twice in succession, he was to give a satisfactory reason for this neglect, or be “dealt with.”

Moreover, this “Manual for the use of members” listed (with appropriate scriptural references) those who would be considered “not worthy communicants.” Among eleven proscriptions are these: “All idle persons who pursue no honest employment. All persons who attend places of sinful amusement, theaters, parties, balls, etc. All who are engaged in sinful employment, such as lotteries, gambling in buying or vending tickets. Heads of families who neglect family prayer.”

This Manual was written by the first minister, the Rev. William Whittaker, Much of what Rev. Whitaker wrote was couched in the traditional theology and ecclesiasticism of the early 19<sup>th</sup> century Presbyterianism. Still, it is a remarkable document. He defined what it meant to be a good Christian Presbyterian member of the new church. More interestingly, the Manual sounds more like Old School orthodoxy than anything radical, or even progressive. In short there is nothing in the writing to suggest that these 86 members left their church for doctrinal reasons. Perhaps the question lurking in all of this is: did they get an Old School adherent in Mr. Whittaker when they really wanted someone from the New School?

If progressive theology was not their primary motivation, what was? ‘Various reasons’ sounds like a nice way to avoid naming names. After all, they said they wanted to do this in an agreeable way. The three specific reasons they do give will have to suffice. They left because they were not being edified; and



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because they wanted to be useful, and for the proper education of their children. We must try to read between their lines. It sounds as if the preaching wasn't very inspiring, that their talents were not being properly used, and that they wanted something better for their children.

They apparently left the old church more in sorrow than with rancor. They wanted to do it peacefully. No negative reactions in the mother church are recorded. Not many years later, the third pastor of our church apparently had a good relationship with the now old Mr. Bond. Still later history shows how well the two churches got along, and even had joint services from time to time.

Soon after organizing, the new congregation called The Rev. William Whittaker, an Oxford University graduate, to be its first pastor. He was said to be a preacher of exceptional ability, but only ten members were received in his ten-year ministry. We wonder why. It was also difficult time for the First Presbyterian Church.

For the first year of its new life, the congregation worshipped in Mr. Boice's house, popularly called The Academy because it was formerly a private school. They built their first church building on Main Street, now 120 West Front Street. It was a frame structure much like a New England Meeting House. Later it was enlarged to 30 by 70 feet, with a rear entrance from Park Avenue. There were sheds for carriages. One of the pastors described it as "a very plain looking frame building, (it had two Ionic pillars on the front to dress it up and a modest steeple), but the congregation was intelligent and cordial."

The Rev. Theodore Brown became the second pastor at the end of 1854 and stayed for twelve years. His pastorate encompassed the Civil War years, although the Minutes of the Session do not even mention that wrenching event. Other records show that "he took decided grounds for the support of our government, and the suppression of slavery," which is more than could be said for many pulpits of the time, even in the North. But only two members left the church in protest over his views.

Pastor Brown was also a strong supporter of Lincoln's second campaign, and one time hurried from a prayer meeting to address a rally for the president. These were the actions of a confirmed New Schooler. Thus just fifteen years after its founding, the new church began to visibly demonstrate commitment to its progressive roots by its concern for human welfare. Mr. Brown was so influential in the town that when he preached his last sermon here, he tells us that several other ministers closed their church and came to hear him. During his ministry the church grew from 96 members to 221.

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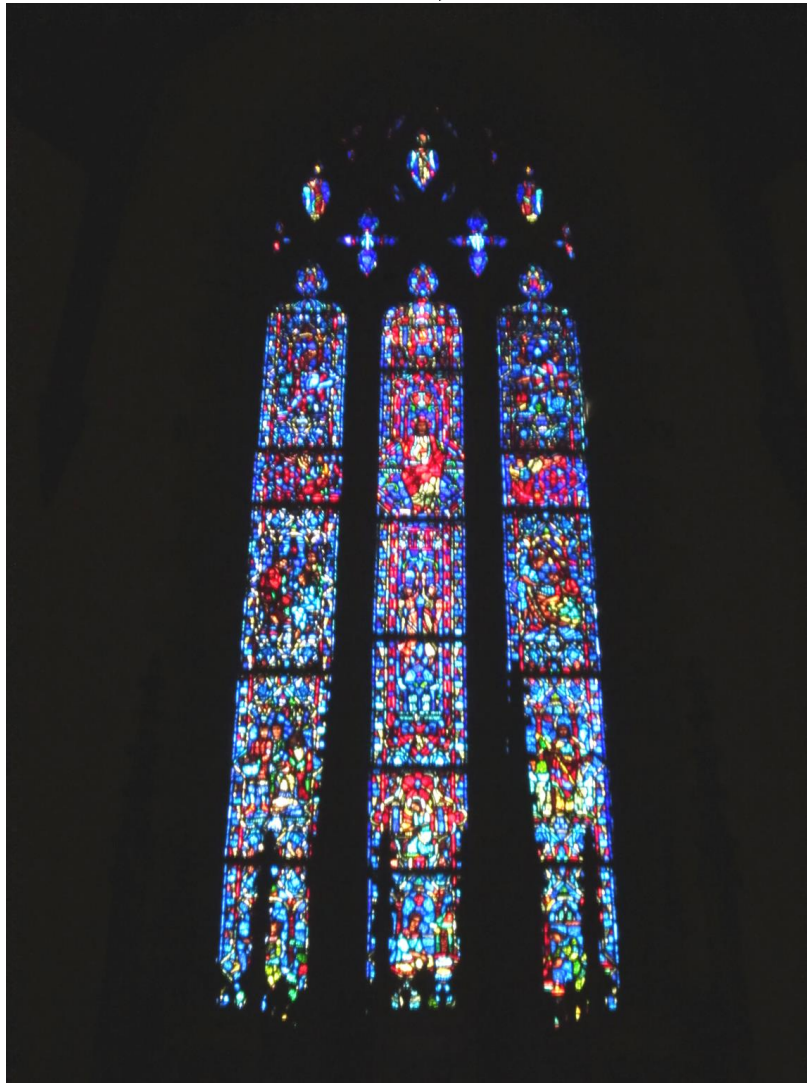
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### **CAAC – Art & Architecture**

#### **Highlights of Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church's Art & Architecture**



**Welcome!**

**You are invited to walk through and  
see just some of the highlights of our buildings art and architecture  
which have been referred to as  
*“Sermons in Stone and Stories in Glass”.***

## CAAC – Art & Architecture

### The Chancel

chan·cel /'CHansəl/

Noun

The part of a church near the altar, reserved for the clergy and choir, and typically separated from the nave by steps or a screen.

The Chancel contains the Communion Table, the pulpit, the lectern and other symbols of the Christian faith. The Communion Table reminds the faithful of the Last Supper and is the place at which the sacrament of Communion is celebrated. It is not an altar, but a table at which those who are baptized are invited to share the feast which Christ has prepared. On Sundays when Communion is not being celebrated, a Chalice stands as a reminder of the New Covenant and the shedding of Christ's blood for the atonement of our sins. A Bible stands open proclaiming Christ as the Word become flesh, a Suffering Servant and a fulfillment of God's promise. Two candlesticks stand as reminders of the Light of Christ which has come into the world.



The pulpit stands as a theological witness to the high regard Presbyterians have for Christ proclaimed. The lectern stands as testimony to the high regard Presbyterians have for the Bible. At the back wall of the Chancel stands a Cross, now empty of the body of Christ in celebration of His Resurrection.

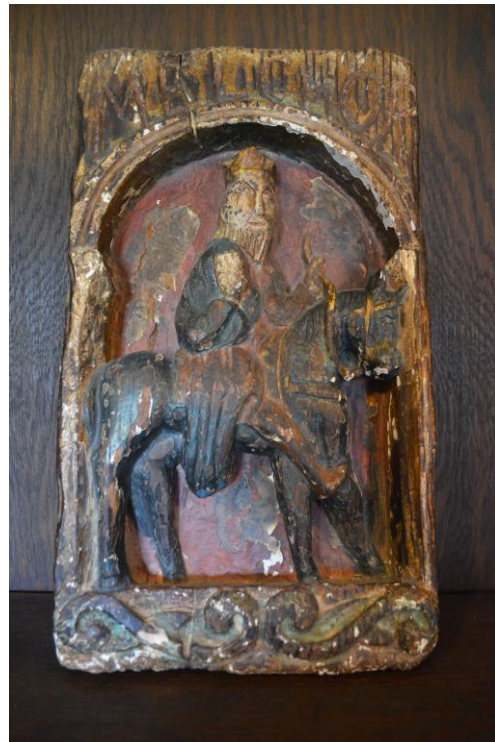
## CAAC – Art & Architecture

### The Session Room

The Presbyterian Church, USA believes that all are called to ministry and some are set aside or ordained to specific callings. One such calling is to the office of elder. Elders are called from within the congregation and serve with the Minister of Word and Sacrament, now referred to as the Teaching Elder, to discern where Christ is leading His church and shepherd all the ministries and missions of the church. The Session Room was a place where the elders would gather prior to worship and for special meetings. Originally this room was referred to as the sacristy, and still houses vestments, paraments, and other items used for worship.

There are three pieces of art that grace this room. They include:

An ancient wood carving from Spain representing a Spanish version of one of the Wise Men. Note the spelling of the name as carved in the wood itself.



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St. Peter and St. Paul can still be faintly recognized in this antique icon of Russian orthodox origin. The images of the Saints, not too easily discernible, are painted on a wooden base.

Christ Blessing the Children - this is the work of the Brothers Reipenhausen, German painters of the early nineteenth century. I was produced about 1820. Luke 18:15-16.



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## Fun for All

# The Birth of Baby Jesus

The Messiah, the Savior of the world—Jesus—was born in a stable with smelly animals and placed in a manger. He left heaven behind and came to this earth to be born as a Baby for you and for me. WOW!

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| BETHLEHEM   | GOOD NEWS       |
| MARY        | SAVIOR          |
| JOSEPH      | CHRIST THE LORD |
| STABLE      | GLORY TO GOD    |
| HAY         | PEACE           |
| MANGER      | GOODWILL        |
| SHEPHERDS   | SHEEP           |
| GREAT LIGHT |                 |

Find the listed words hidden in the puzzle. Words can be forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonal.

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### Across

1. Jesus' mother. (Matthew 1:20-21)
3. Jesus was also called by this name, which means, "God with us." (Matthew 1:23)
5. The Magi had gifts of incense, myrrh and this. (Matthew 2:11)
8. Where Jesus lived when he was a young child. (Matthew 2:23)
9. This man saw baby Jesus at the temple. (Luke 2:25-27)
10. King who tried to trick the Magi into revealing where Jesus was. (Matthew 2:7-12)

### Down

2. This widow saw the baby Jesus at the temple. (Luke 2:36-38)
4. They placed him in this because there was no room in the inn. (Luke 2:7)
6. Jesus was of the house and lineage of this great king. (Luke 2:4)
7. Angels of the Lord appeared to these people the night of Jesus' birth. (Luke 2:8-13)

*Fun for All*

The widow's sons helped her fill jars with oil to sell,  
so they would not have to be slaves.  
(2 Kings 4:1-7)

How many jars are in this picture? \_\_\_\_\_ jars



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## CAPEC – Birthdays

### \*\*\*\*\* DECEMBER \*\*\*\*\*

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Ella Sawyer      | 12/05 |
| Paul Mikalonis   | 12/07 |
| Jeff Willard     | 12/07 |
| Glen Crane       | 12/10 |
| Keith Mann       | 12/19 |
| Susan Webster    | 12/19 |
| June Higgs       | 12/20 |
| Mark Badalamenti | 12/24 |
| Jessica Williams | 12/28 |
| Chloris Archer   | 12/29 |
| Laura Mann       | 12/29 |
| Alyssa Webster   | 12/30 |
| Michael Ngwa     | 12/31 |

### \*\*\*\*\* JANUARY \*\*\*\*\*

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Gloria Laube      | 01/06 |
| Jonathan Stevens  | 01/07 |
| Thomas Shortridge | 01/08 |
| Jackie Wynn       | 01/08 |
| George Santulli   | 01/12 |
| Lynn Santulli     | 01/17 |

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|-------------------|-------|
| Thylene Torres    | 01/18 |
| BJ Snyder         | 01/19 |
| Ruth Mikalonis    | 01/25 |
| Greg Kennedy      | 01/27 |
| Adam Rauscher     | 01/29 |
| David Brown       | 01/30 |
| Charlie Pivnichny | 01/30 |

### \*\*\*\*\* FEBRUARY \*\*\*\*\*

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Nina Mcintyre       | 02/03 |
| Barry Baker         | 02/10 |
| Rosslyn Ealum       | 02/14 |
| Lauren Fedechena    | 02/14 |
| Benji Martin        | 02/14 |
| Henry Manu          | 02/15 |
| Adin Asare          | 02/18 |
| Pat Baker           | 02/18 |
| George Germinder    | 02/18 |
| Joy Velez           | 02/24 |
| Jeanmarie Buck      | 02/25 |
| Queintard Degeneste | 02/27 |
| Xavier Mcintyre     | 02/29 |



*December  
to  
February*

#### NOTE:

If your birthday falls in this time period, and is not on the list; that is because it is not listed in the directory database.

Please make sure that you update your information with someone on the Membership & Evangelism Committee.



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## Announcements

### Calendar Events

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|---|---------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>SUN. DEC. 2, 2018</b>                        |                     | <b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>   |               |
| <b>WED. DEC. 5, AND THUR. DEC. 6, 2018</b>      |                     | Photography days for Pictorial Directory | Guild Room    |
| <b>FRI. DEC. 7, 2018</b>                        |                     | Office Administrator Ruth Mikalonis      | Vacation Day  |
| <b>SUN. DEC. 9, 2018</b>                        |                     | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>   |               |
| <b>SUN. DEC. 9, 2018</b>                        | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Congregational Meeting                   | Sanctuary     |
| <b>SUN. DEC. 9, 2018</b>                        | 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM | Deacon's Meeting                         | Conf Rm 102   |
| <b>MON. DEC. 10, 2018</b>                       | 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Staff Meeting                            | Conf Rm 101   |
| <b>TUE. DEC. 11, 2018</b>                       | 04:00 PM - 08:30 PM | Presbytery Meeting                       | Assembly Room |
| <b>SAT. DEC. 15, 2018</b>                       | 04:00 PM - 05:30 PM | Yuletide by candlelight                  | Sanctuary     |
| <b>SUN. DEC. 16, 2018</b>                       |                     | <b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>   |               |
| <b>SUN. DEC. 16, 2018</b>                       | 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM | Christmas Luncheon                       | Assembly Room |
| <b>SUN. DEC. 23, 2018</b>                       |                     | <b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>   |               |
| <b>SUN. DEC. 23, 2018</b>                       | 09:30 AM - 10:15 AM | <i>Journey to Bethlehem</i>              | Church House  |
|   | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | <i>Lessons &amp; Carols Worship</i>      | Sanctuary     |
| <b>MON. DEC. 24, 2018</b>                       |                     | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>                     |               |
|   | 10:00 PM - 11:30 PM | <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship</i> | Sanctuary     |
| <b>TUE. DEC. 25, 2018 TO WED. JAN. 1, 2019</b>  |                     | Pastor Rev. Lynn Santulli                | Vacation      |
| <b>TUE. DEC. 25, 2018 TO THUR. JAN. 2, 2019</b> |                     | Sexton Ron Maltby                        | Vacation      |
| <b>TUE. DEC. 25, 2018 TO WED. DEC. 26, 2018</b> |                     |  | Office Closed |
| <b>TUE. DEC. 25, 2018</b>                       |                     | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>                     |               |
| <b>TUE. JAN. 1, 2019</b>                        |                     | <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>                    | Office Closed |
| <b>SUN. JAN. 6, 2019</b>                        |                     | <b>EPIPHANY SUNDAY</b>                   |               |
| <b>SUN. JAN. 13, 2019</b>                       |                     | <b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY</b>        |               |
|   | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | <i>Installation of Officers</i>          | Sanctuary     |
| <b>SUN. JAN. 20, 2019</b>                       | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | <i>Service / Race Relations</i>          |               |
| <b>SUN. JAN. 27, 2019</b>                       | 12:00 PM - 02:00 PM | Congregational Meeting                   | Assembly Room |
| <b>SUN. FEB. 3, 2019</b>                        | 11:30 AM            | Super Bowl of Caring                     | Sanctuary     |
| <b>SUN. FEB. 10, 2019</b>                       | 12:00 PM - 02:00 PM | Deacon's Meeting                         | Conf Rm 102   |
|   | 03:00 PM - 06:00 PM | AKA Black History Program                | Sanctuary     |
|   |                     |  | Assembly Room |
| <b>SUN. FEB. 24, 2019</b>                       | 03:00 PM - 05:00 PM | CC-Young Artists                         | Sanctuary     |
|   |                     |  | Assembly Room |

**Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church** welcomes you to worship  
—saint or sinner, rich or poor, regardless of age, weight,  
ethnicity, language, gender, orientation--  
in other words,  
*everyone* is welcome to come  
and worship God and grow in faithful discipleship.

### **Sunday Mornings**

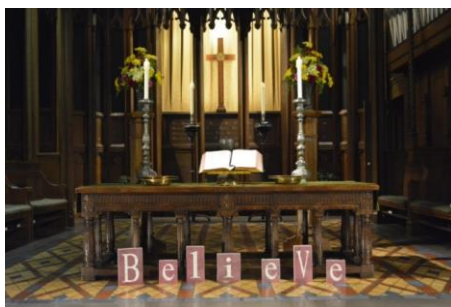
*Education - 9 am*

*Sunday School - 9:30 am*

*Worship Time - 10:30 am*

*Coffee & Fellowship immediately after worship*

Our worship style is high church yet not stuffy.  
We have a rich and long history in our community  
and we represent peoples from all walks of life,  
countries of origin, and financial and social statuses.  
Although we are blessed to worship in a soaring edifice,  
our feet are planted firmly on the ground of the Gospel  
and our faith is alive and growing.



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