

# CRESCENT CONNECTIONS

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## PASTORAL LETTER



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Recently during a difficult time a sister in Christ texted me this verse, Lamentations 3:22-24 (I will leave it to you to look it up for yourself) but suffice it to say it lifted my spirits and as I turned to Scripture and the context within which these verses rest, it proved an even more profound reminder that God provides and is present even during (perhaps especially during) the trials we may face. These are difficult times for many churches and for our faith in the world today. Challenges come in many forms and we can no longer assume that others with which we live and work share a common faith understanding. The values we seek to live by are no longer valued by the larger society. It is the light of faith that burns brighter in the midst of darkness, confident that darkness will never overcome the Light of the World. As we gather as disciples of Christ we are mindful of our blessings (even safely gathering is certainly a blessing to be counted), and as we continue the missions and ministry Christ has called into being in our midst we celebrate His providence.

Our newsletter is always full with articles capturing some of what is happening here on campus, but no newsletter could capture it all. We are joyfully proceeding in plans for our 175th year of ministry (and we are just getting started!). But it isn't just about the numbers. We have reopened our Soup Kitchen and as people return to serve as volunteers or guests to be fed, we are mindful that this work is one very blessed by Christ and is His work in our midst. Our new chef, Kevin Cook, has such a heart for this mission and is already leading volunteers in serving and preparing foods that follow health codes while creating an environment that is supportive and encouraging to our volunteers and guests. We are truly blessed! But our blessings don't stop there. Work will begin on the front of the church to restore the stonework and repairs on masonry and rooftops continue. We are taking huge strides in restoring this wonderful campus and ensuring it is here for generations yet to come.

The work we do here is unlike any work done anywhere else because we aren't a social club or a business. We are the church, Christ's church, part of God's kingdom. My heart warms when I hear people come in the door and say, 'hello family!' and love like we are here for the eternities (because we are!). We hope you feel that way, too. God's Kingdom is wide and deep and there is room for all. We hope you will join us as we join together to serve Christ and His Kingdom, to grow together and expand our understanding and deepen our faith, to laugh and live the life of discipleship we are promised by Christ Himself.

There is much news to catch up on in the pages that follow; we hope you will enjoy the read!

In Christ,

*Pastor Lynn*

## From the Editor...

When I volunteered (or was I assigned?) to publish Crescent Connections, our quarterly publication, I honestly had no idea what I was doing. I had never edited or even worked on a publication before. However, Crescent Connections was an ongoing publication, so I had a wonderful example to follow. So, with the help and guidance of Pastor Lynn and Julie Downing, I just amassed (and the mass continues to grow with each edition) committee reports, photos, articles, etc. that I thought members and friends might be interested in. I had no idea how to arrange, format, size or put together these materials. So I just sent them to our office administrator, Ruth. One after another. A few one day, several another day, many some days. And I waited. When Ruth said that that first newsletter was ready, I was truly amazed. Lo and behold! There were graphics. There were more photos. There were snippets. There were items I hadn't thought to add. Everything was in a logical order. It was beautiful and wonderful, thanks to Ruth!

Ruth continues to amaze me with her newsletter talents. I often send her articles at the last minute, and she finds a place for them. She never once said "too much", "I can't fit it" or "enough already". In fact, there are so so many photos in this edition, I asked Ruth "too many?" and she replied "never too many photos". Ruth has always been up for the challenge of each edition, working quietly and efficiently (and often, I know, extra hours) to make each newsletter better than the last.

So I say "Thank you Ruth". Thank you for your hard work, your expertise, your dedication. I know that is you and how you do things, but I want you to know how much I appreciate you and all you have done for Crescent Connections. I am not sure what I will do without you, but I do know I will strive to make you proud of future editions.

And so I dedicate this edition of Crescent Connections, Summer 2019 to Ruth Mikalonis.

*In Christ,  
And with appreciation and best wishes,*

*BJ*

BJ Snyder  
Crescent Connections Editor

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## AROUND THE CAPC CAMPUS

### Membership & Evangelism

Recent CAPC events have been publicized by the committee online on TAP into Plainfield (and other local TAPS) as well as local Patch sites and also via other local news sites online and in print. We are attempting to increase our visibility in the community and beyond. There is much good news at Crescent to share!

The committee has been busy working on various other projects including another New Member Class, newsletters, visitor welcomes, Facebook, children's worship activities, updating the CAPC website and social events. Sermons are now being recorded and put up on the CAPC website.



Strikes, spares and even gutterballs elicited cheers and laughter at the bowling outing to Linden Lanes in February. A great crew came out to bowl, socialize, and, of course, eat pizza! The Summer social event, sponsored in conjunction with the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, is the July 12 Patriots Baseball Game.



See the ad in this newsletter and sign up on the bulletin board or contact me to RSVP.



Let's show our CAPC spirit by bringing a crowd and shouting praises when our name appears up in lights on the Big Board! (Wear your CAPC t-shirt if you have one.)

I know each of us has some talent to share that this committee could use. Are you a good organizer? Do you like to write? Are you good at editing newsletters? Welcoming visitors? Publicity? You are welcomed and invited to share your knowledge and talents, especially as this committee expands. Please let us know if you would like to help.

*BJ Snyder*  
*Janna Peterson*



## AROUND THE CAPC CAMPUS

### Building & Grounds

#### PROJECTS COMPLETED TABLE

- \* Brick repointing outside kitchen completed
- \* Brick repointing outside bridal room, 95% complete
- \* Henry Ward cleaned Sanctuary Room floors on 4/13
- \* Roof over back stairs replaced.
- \* Roof over 2<sup>nd</sup> floor choir kitchen repaired.
- \* Installed two mirrors in bridal room,
- \* The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the Stonework project will begin in the middle of July. Will start on 7<sup>th</sup> avenue side between the two pillars of the main doors. After the work is completed, we will determine the next area based on budget and need.
- \* Installed new solar lighting along walkway to 1<sup>st</sup> place parking lot.  
Also installed battery operated sensor light on Watchung and 1<sup>st</sup> place parking lot.  
Additional sensor lights will be installed in future.
- \* Replaced lock on women's single bathroom on 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- \* Replaced HVAC and hot water heater at 811 1<sup>st</sup> Place.
- \* Installed baby changing units in Men's and Women's bathroom on 1<sup>st</sup> floor.
- \* Purchased new microwave for kitchen
- \* Replaced two lights in entrance to sanctuary
- \* Repaired and painted iron railing to basement (FoP)

#### ANTICIPATED PROJECTS FOR 2019

- \* Spring and Summer cleanup of basement.
- \* Replace 4 roofs over church house and Sanctuary
- \* Remove bushes around employee parking lot and walk way to 1st place parking lot
- \* Improve church inside and outside lighting

#### BUILDING USAGE:

This year the building hosted over 500 events

Special thanks to the Cleanup Volunteers and everyone who works behind the scenes to make sure that our church building looks great and provides a welcome shine to everyone who enters.

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*

## Christian Education & Nurture

***OH, HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME***, an original Reader's Theater drama by Stephanie DeGeneste, was presented on Palm Sunday. Through the presentation, which had as its story line a family who wanted to press on with their usual Palm Sunday family devotions though the mom was away on business, the Sunday School department saw God in action enabling them to do something creative on very short notice.



Two weeks prior to Palm Sunday the stark realization set in that the Sunday School department would not be able to present *Jesus' Holy week Journey* as planned. Mrs. D asked the students what they thought they could do instead of the previous year's depictions of Holy Week events. A brainstorming session ensued with students and teachers contributing their thoughts. From what was stated, Mrs. DeGeneste wrote a Reader's Theater drama with a plausible story line that actually encapsulated all that was shared during the brainstorming session. The next week the students went over the original Reader's Theater drama and a few "tweaks" were suggested, which were incorporated into the final version of the program, along a brief video snippet.

Parents, grandparents, and a few church members came to the program and were a very encouraging and supportive audience. Some pictures from the event, taken by Andre McIntyre, given you a feel for the level of participation that occurred, something that was a true blessing indeed.



### Reader's Theater cast:

**Narrator**-Pat Baker  
**Mr. Alexander**-Kristopher Archer-Kennedy  
**Mrs. Alexander**-Stephanie DeGeneste  
**Craig**-McRae Nkellefack  
**Stacey**-Lia Haynes  
**Derrick**-Nicholas Archer-Kennedy  
**Darnell**-Xavier McIntyre  
**Dara**-Wendy Nkellefack  
**Angela**-Nina McIntyre  
**Grandma Estelle**-Jordan Williams  
**David**-Jasiah Harris  
**Myra**-Malanee Boyd



## AROUND THE CAPC CAMPUS

### Christian Education & Nurture and Membership & Evangelism

From the time Janice Haer, Christian Education and Nurture committee member, viewed *Won't You be My Neighbor?* in the movie theater, she passionately, enthusiastically, and determinedly pushed CEN to show the film for a Family Movie Night event. There was something about her unrelenting persistence that resonated with me. Of course I was familiar with Mr. Rogers given my age and my profession as a career educator, because for over thirty years his program was broadcast daily into American homes, but something about Janice's account of the multigenerational moviegoers' reactions, made us all think that the four-star rated documentary could work in a Family Movie Night setting. If there ever was a time in our nation's history that Mr. Rogers' approach to young children in particular, and all people in general, is needed, it's NOW. Mr. Rogers might have seemed unassuming to most people, yet the film showed just how bold he was at a time when children's programming needed his creative genius, compassion, and limitless imagination and love to counteract the current trends. Think about it, that's what we need today. Our country, our world is in need of people who will think outside of the box and commit themselves to countercultural approaches... acts of love and kindness, when so many people are prone to hatred and meanness.

So, three Crescent groups, Christian Education and Nurture, Evangelism and Outreach, and the 175th Anniversary committee, collaborated and took the bold step to present *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* on May 4th at 6:30 p.m. in CAPC's Assembly Room on the big screen. Families, friends, and neighbors brought donated non-perishable items to pass along to Starfish, thus enabling us to be a blessing to some of our neighbors who are less fortunate than we are. Those in attendance watched the documentary, pondering the guided questions that would be discussed after the film. The three questions were: Do you think it is more important to tell a child you LOVE them just the way they are and that makes them special? Is Mr. Rogers' approach still a valid way to help children acknowledge and deal with their feelings or are other approaches necessary now? In what ways can today's adults use Fred Rogers' approaches to help children cope within the troubled world they're living? An open and honest discussion ensued after the film, and I think it would be safe to say that we all felt the conversation was a vitally important one to have.

At the close of the evening we seemed to be happy to be a part of an event that opened our minds and made us think, as well as opened our hearts and made us feel how much more we can and should be doing to help children and adults be good neighbors. One notable thing about the film showing on May 4th is that the audience size was smaller than expected. But, perhaps that was a good thing because already CEN is coming up with additional ideas for future showings of *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* This is not a film to be put in a "one and done" category. It's timeless message is vitally important for today's tumultuous times, and showing *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* at least one more time, is something we can do to show love and care for our neighborhood.

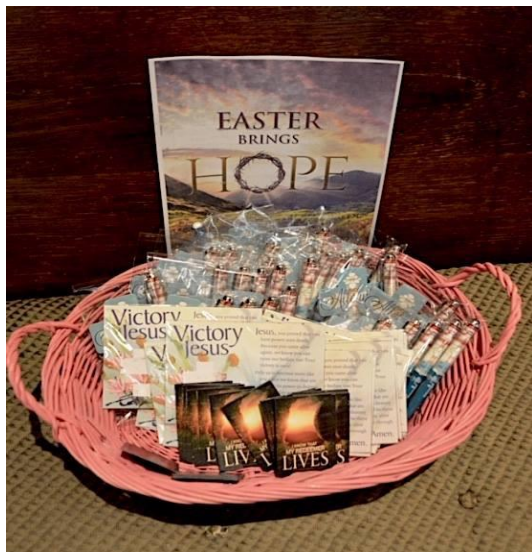
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## It Wasn't Just The Flowers Beautifying The Church On Easter!



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### Finance

I sat in church this past Sunday and listened to our PTS seminarian Darcella Sessomes preach. I have been a member of Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church for over 30 years and have heard many preachers in the pulpit. As Darcella drew us in with humor and humility and the message of sermon took shape, I saw people nodding their heads in understanding and acceptance. I thought of all of the people that have been a part of our congregation over the past 30 years and that it really is a small part of the whole history of Crescent's 175 years.

How many preachers and how many people over the past 175 years? Why is it important to continue the glorious tradition of coming to Crescent for Sunday worship, or for a wedding or a funeral or for the homeless to come to get a meal? So many people have been able to come to this beautiful sanctuary to find comfort, peace, friendship and love and to be inspired by the preacher like I was on Sunday.

If you are reading this, you feel some connection to Crescent and are interested in its past, present and future. We are the current caretakers, charged with making smart decisions and maintaining Crescent's place as an important part of Plainfield and its larger community. Certainly things have changed over time but the one thing that has not changed is that connection that so many of us have to this place.

You are probably checking back to see if you are really reading the Finance report or perhaps this got mixed into another section. You will not be getting numbers in this edition of the newsletter. You do need to know that we are operating as usual. We do run at a deficit but somehow, each year, we manage to make it and improve the building and work to continue all of the projects that we deem important. We are blessed to be the recipients of bequests and of grants and we are able to continue to improve our beautiful building. We will start the stonework on the front of the church this year and you will continue to see progress in the future. We will always have a project. That is the nature of dealing with a building that is as old and as beautiful as the one we are blessed to worship in. We count on people who feel a connection and want to make sure that we continue.

If you once had a connection to Crescent and want to reconnect, we welcome you. We are doing wonderful and exciting things. Pastor Lynn helps guide us to discover what we are truly called to do here in Plainfield and if you haven't heard her preach, you are really missing out. Come join us and reconnect to Crescent and if you can give us some time, talent or treasure, that would be good too. We all want to make sure that we are here for generations to come so that someone like me 100 years from now can be sitting in the pew, look at the beautiful stained glass and architecture, and have the tones of the glorious music from the choir and the organ wash over her as she listens to a preacher inspire her once again.

*Kathy Mann*



## AROUND THE CAPC CAMPUS

### CAPC Building Usage

by *Dominique Stevens*, Director of Facilities

Team:

Dominique Stevens

Ruth Mikalonis

Ron Maltby

Warren Green

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make my start as the building Director of Facilities successful. A four-month At-A-Glance view of the Building usage events are now posted in the church office.

#### **Record Breaking Weekend**

In April, we experienced a record-breaking weekend with over 2000 event attendees over 3 days!

#### **Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church Wedding Bells**

Six weddings, including two rehearsal dinners and two receptions are scheduled to date for 2019.

#### **Community Events**

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church is sponsoring *Leveraging Community Partnership with Stakeholders*, hosted by *Eric Gram*, featuring a skit by *The Mental Health Players* on Thursday, June 20, 2019. Information is available on the Community bulletin board.

#### **Building Usage Successes**

To date for 2019, our campus successfully supported seven (7) Concerts/Receptions, six (6) Memorials/Funerals, and seven (7) Individual/Organization rentals.

#### **Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church Website**

Special thanks to Deidra and Ruth for their assistance and guidance updating the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church website and calendar

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### Mission & Outreach

#### SOUP KITCHEN OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Valarie's Kitchen, the soup-kitchen ministry of Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield reopens at noon on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 after a hiatus during which the church's kitchen was totally renovated and brought up to code compliance. The ministry was the brain child of the late Valarie Fisher for which it is named. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy Valarie noted that the church's kitchen was still able to function and encouraged the congregation to open the facility bringing together people in need of food with those who had food in their freezers which they were unable to cook due to the wide-spread power outages. After the immediate crisis, Valarie encouraged the church to continue to feed the hungry offering with a soup-kitchen that offered seasonally appropriate meals every Tuesday.



The program grew through word of mouth until there were volunteers from the church and the community at large who prepared lunches for as many as 150 guests each week. When it became clear that the church kitchen needed to be modernized if the program were to continue, the congregation was able to raise close to \$350,000 in grants from foundations and individual gifts to finance the extensive project.

Volunteers will be working under the supervision of Executive Chef, Kevin Cook. Chef Cook is a seasoned Executive Chef with more than 35 years of experience in the organization, execution and direction of culinary staffs and functions in such fine dining establishments as the Somerset Hills Hotel in Somerset, NJ and the Lake Edge Restaurant in Watchung, NJ.



The reopening of the kitchen with expanded services is just one of many exciting initiatives that Crescent Avenue Presbyterian has planned for the celebration of its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019 building on its legacy of faith and service. Volunteers, either individuals or groups, are welcome. Information can be obtained by calling the church office at 908 756 2468 or on the church's web site [Crescentonline.org](http://Crescentonline.org)

(Press release by Joan Van Pelt Pivnichny)

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### Deacons

## Deacon Doings

Our mighty Deacons have been incredibly busy this year! In addition to the lovely and delicious Coffee and Fellowship after worship each Sunday, preparing Communion and ushering, they have hosted many beautiful repasts following memorial services for our Crescent Brothers and Sisters. The new app, "Perfect Potluck" has been a big success and a fantastic way for people to volunteer food and/or help for members and events. It is also a great way for Deacons to coordinate functions. Kudos to Deacon Co-chairs Kathy West-Aaron and Jacque Archer Kennedy for spearheading this effort and to Pastor Lynn for the suggestion.



Speaking of Coffee..... yes, our Deacons are mighty and work hard, but they welcome volunteers for Coffee Hour and for help with events! Hosting Coffee hour is a great way to showcase your cooking/baking (or shopping!) talents and really helps the Deacons. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just a few goodies and a drink and coffee would be much appreciated. Please see Kathy or Jacque to volunteer.



## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



We are celebrating! Our beloved Crescent is 175 years old and has an amazing church history. We are going strong and WE are now creating the future history.



“Way back” in 1844, Plainfield Presbyterians were divided in philosophy. Plainfield’s First Presbyterian Church was wedded to the traditions of the past and followed the “Old School” way of thinking. However, 86 members of the Church chose to follow the more progressive “New School” philosophy and made the decision to ask for dismissal from the First Presbyterian Church of Plainfield with the intention of organizing a new church. The request was granted and on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1844, a small group met at the home of Cornelius Boyce, a church member and prominent attorney. And so our church was born, and our illustrious history began.



To kick off the anniversary year, the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee held an anniversary brunch in March. It was lovely, delicious and well attended and the feedback was extremely positive.



## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



In addition, several special limited 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary items will be available for purchase with monies going to the Crescent Stonework Fund. You will soon be able to purchase Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church Anniversary tote bags, ornaments, engraved bricks pavers to be displayed on church grounds and memorial/honorary trees to be planted around the campus. Look for details soon.

Here is what is planned so far for the rest of the anniversary year (details to follow):

### **June 9<sup>th</sup> – Church picnic!**

Please RSVP and bring a side dish. Burgers, dogs and ice cream will be served.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>- Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church sponsored outing to Patriots Baseball Game** where the Crescent name will be displayed.

### **September (date to be determined) -**

Kick off Fall celebration open to the public with lots of fun and exciting activities.

### **October 5<sup>th</sup>- Harmonic Brass Concert**

### **November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Homecoming**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>- Afternoon concert;  
Evening dinner

November 3<sup>rd</sup>- Past clergy to participate in worship;  
Extended Coffee & Fellowship

### **December – Christmas luncheon**

### **March 2020 – Grand Finale Brunch**



Together let's make this anniversary year extra special!

*Kathy Mann, Joan Pivnichny, BJ Snyder*

## Sharing Memories for the 175<sup>th</sup>

### **WHAT YOU THINK YOU MIGHT KNOW ABOUT THE ~~CAPC~~ BUILDING BUT REALLY DON'T**

Do you ever wonder why we are called Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church when our address is 716 Watchung Avenue? Granted, both Crescent and Watchung Avenues surround us on either of our sides. But in the not too distant past (until sometime in the 70's or 80's) our address was 144 Crescent Ave. Why was that? The church and minister's offices were originally located on the second floor with the closer entrance to them being from the door on the Crescent Avenue side (where the mail was delivered). This Crescent door entrance led directly to the stairs by the Ladies Lounge.

At the top of the stairs, immediately to the right, was the church office. Proceeding through the choir room, to the right of the fireplace was the minister's office. Later, this became the office of the Music Director when that office was moved as a result of the new organ pipes being installed on the second floor where once the organ console was located.

When it was no longer practical or prudent to leave the doors on Crescent Avenue unlocked during office hours, the move to the current administrator's office location on the Watchung Avenue side of the church occurred. At this point the address became 716 Watchung Ave. because that became the door the mail carrier used to deliver the mail as the Crescent Ave. door remained locked at all times.

When I first joined the church in 1966, both the current pastor's and administrator's offices were being used for a daytime nursery school. If any of you have been in Pastor Lynn's office and noticed a very tiny half door behind her desk. It was used as a child sized door so the nursery school children could pass between the two rooms. When the nursery school was no longer in operation, the current pastor's office became a Sunday School classroom where I taught a class of fifth and six graders in the early 80's. At that point the church office had already been moved to its present location. Eventually all the Sunday School classrooms were located to the second floor and then the Pastor's office was moved downstairs to where it is now.

Perhaps some of you have heard of the (in)famous basement and even been down there to witness what can't be described with words. When I joined the church, there was a very active Boy Scout troop that held their meetings down there and, believe it or not, even stored their canoes in the basement for their camping trips!

After the Boy Scout troop ceased to exist, an International Gift Shop was opened in the area that is now used for the Fountain of Praise church. This gift shop was open two days a week (I think) and staffed by volunteers. All the items sold there had come from around the world and were made by hand by people as a means for their living. In turn the money from our purchases was returned to them as a mission project which helped them support themselves with dignity and purpose.

While our building has not structurally changed over the years, its inside rooms have certainly been re-purposed. But as we all know, it's not a building that makes the church, it's the people. And yes, the

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people have changed too, but always there will be people from one generation to tell all our wonderful stories and memories to the next generation, and the next, and the next.

Blessings,

*Janice Haer*

### WITNESSING MIRACLES AT CRESCENT AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOT JUST ANOTHER RENTAL

By Dominique Stevens

Recently, Professor, Dr. Jennifer Durham, a lifelong resident of Plainfield and Professor at Adelphi University in NY, sat in the guest chair to the side of my desk. As we wrapped up the details of her rental agreement, our Sexton, Ron, glided in. He smiled, took a seat in Ruth's empty chair, positioned the chair to face me and Dr. Durham at the back desk, then leaned back. This seemed like the perfect time to discuss the set-up of the room that Dr. Durham had just rented. I introduced the two. The following interaction separated **this** rental from all others.

"Jennifer, (we were on a first name basis now), meet Ron Maltby, our Sexton." I told Ron that Jennifer rented the Guild room for a meeting in about a month. With that, Ron famously said, "Okay, we have time for that."

Just as I was completing the related rental paperwork, Jennifer turned slightly back to Ron and asked, "Was your mother a second-grade teacher at The Hartridge School for Girls in Plainfield?" Ron answered, "Yes." The conversation which ensued left *me* consumed with emotion, also Ron and Jennifer, from my observation. With absolutely no change to her professional, calm and gentle demeanor, Jennifer told Ron that his mother was her second-grade teacher at The Hartridge School. Ron with an amused look gave his undivided, unwavering attention to Jennifer. Jennifer proceeded to tell Ron how, as a little girl, she loved being in his mother's class. Mrs. Maltby always snuck in a daily prayer which was not really allowed at that time. Jennifer described how she always looked forward to going to her class because "Mrs. Maltby always made me feel accepted and comfortable."

I could feel emotions emanating from Ron and Jennifer, but I still can't describe the experience. Ron, now with glassy eyes and a more serious expression, nodded up and down, while Jennifer, trance-like, recounted the political climate at that time, and how Mrs. Maltby's class was the escape she looked forward to experiencing each school day.

Dr. Jennifer Durham then turned to me. She explained that she was the first black student to integrate The Hartridge School for Girls in Plainfield, New Jersey, and it was Ron's mother, Mrs. Maltby,

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that removed the element of fear, from going to school each day. Jennifer turned back to Ron told him how she remembered being eager to get to his mother's class where she could just be another second-grade student. There, she could forget about the turmoil outside.

For *me*, watching this epic unfold was like sitting in the history about which I had only read about. For *Ron*, (and his siblings, I'm sure) this chance encounter, provided him comfort, peace, and pride knowing how his mother impacted the little girl named Jennifer that their family prayed for.....the little girl who Mrs. Maltby needed to feel safe in her classroom. And for *Dr. Jennifer Durham*, she has the amazing opportunity to reflect on this experience from a successful adult's perspective.

Ron and Jennifer now share a special bond, as Mrs. Maltby's lessons live on.

*Drude Crane* RECALLS ;

"In the seventies, I recall only male Elders serving Communion in formal grey striped trousers and cutaway coats when I was first singing here. Kay Foster was the first female Elder here, not sure of the date. Elder Al Miller was the first to rebel against the wearing of formal wear to serve Communion, not sure of the year."



Dear God,

It rained for are whole vacation and is my father mad! He said some things about you that people are not supposed To say. But I hope you will not hurt him anyway.

Your friend  
But I am not going To Tell you  
Who I am

(from "Children's Letters to God" compiled by Stuart Hample & Eric Marshall; illustrated by Tom Bloom )



## CAPC - A History

# Our Presbyterian History

by Rev. Charles Brackbill

*(Continued from the last issue)*

## THE CHURCH'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In his last message pastor Richards once more challenged the church to examine its work with the question he often asked: "Has it been a good thing for the church and the world that Crescent Avenue Presbyterian church is here. Has it been good for Plainfield?" Subsequent history shows that the church did its best to answer that question positively.

In fact, the church took a leading role, directly, or through some of its members, to start, provide leadership for, and support many community agencies for the welfare of the people of Plainfield. Mrs. Bliss, wife of the previous pastor, was one of the founders in 1890, along with other women of the church, of the Community Organization Society, to coordinate the work and fund raising of local welfare groups. Mary Rock, wife of a later Associate Pastor, was an organizer of Neighborhood House, a recreational and study center for children and young people in June 1943.

Other agencies the church had a part in starting included the YMCA, Muhlenberg Hospital, Children's Home, Salvation Army, and the Citizen's Aid Association. Mr. Richards said "This church has recognized it a part of our mission in Plainfield to promote all such movements to save our fellows from vice or intemperance and destitution!" Later Pastor Moment commented, "In the creation and support of these institutions, none had a larger share than the people of this church." All of this reflected the "Liberalism" of the New School movement and glory was brought to God through it all.

But by far the most significant outreach program established by the church were the three Sunday School Chapels (Bethel, Hope, Warren)...The story of the development of the chapels is truly remarkable. They were all started within a few years of each other, and their growth demonstrates how far-sighted this outreach ministry was. This congregation responded to the specific needs of neighborhoods to the east, west and north of the home church. They willingly provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to build, maintain and expand the churches and support three full-time pastors, until these missions could become self-supporting.

At any one time fifty Crescent Avenue members were working every week in the chapels' Sunday Schools and other programs. More than a thousand children and adults attended classes and services in the chapels every week during the height of their growth. In addition, countless hours were given by the

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pastors and boards of the church to care for this extension work in the chapels. Viewed in the light of our church's heritage of concern for others, we can see their work as part of the theology of involvement.

### THE CHURCH ENTERS THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

After eighteen years Dr. Richards resigned in 1902, as the church edged into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Dr. John Zelig was to move it forward for the next fourteen years. Once more the church chose a non-Presbyterian. Originally he was a Congregationalist, those folks who so troubled an earlier generation of Presbyterians.) Looking back, Dr. John Moment commented wryly that the church was acting in its 'tradition of denominational liberalism.") Not only was he from the other side of the denominational tracks, he was Yale, the hotbed of liberal theology. He was described as a man of particular charm of personality, with a mystical fervor which gave his writing a classical standing in devotional literature. He contributed to literary magazines like the Atlantic Monthly, and many others. His writings were also well known in England, and he lectured in Europe.

During his pastorate the church increased its interest in foreign missions. Several members became teachers in China, while others served on boards of mission schools abroad. The church began supporting one of its own young people, the Rev. Gilbert Lovell, who had grown up in Crescent Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Lovell established a famous school for boys and girls in China.

The sixty year old church was showing its age. Dr. Zelig described it as a 'gloomy chocolate and coffee tinted walls, not conducive to beauty and reverence in worship." In 1908 a major renovation was undertaken to restore it.

In the last months of Dr. Zelig's ministry, World War I had started, and eighty-six young men from the congregation were in the armed forces (Five were wounded, one was missing in action, and two were killed.)

Dr. Zelig left the pastorate of the church in 1917 and became a chaplain in France, to the American Expeditionary Forces. He wrote, "It is one of the greatest privileges of my life to be with these men. I can't begin to write of the tragic things...I have never worked so hard in my life, and I have lost all track of time." After the war Dr. Zelig helped administer relief in Russia for the Federal Council of Churches.

During the war, the fuel shortages brought joint worship services to Crescent Avenue. The Congregation Church worshipped here for two months, with their minister, the Rev. Ernest Clark, filing the pulpit. Meanwhile a search was on to find a successor to Dr. Zelig. It ended when the Rev. John Moment was installed on January 13, 1919. Dr. Moment served a pastor for nearly 30 years, and led Crescent Avenue into the modern era.

## CAPC - A History

John Moment was a Canadian via Brooklyn, Princeton University, Hartford Seminary, and Lawrenceville School where he was Master of the Upper House and several other pastorates. He was a poet, writer of hymns (two found their way into the Presbyterian Hymnal 1933), pageants, anthems, articles, a book and over a thousand sermons. The sermons were masterpieces of the art (so much so, that Princeton Seminary students were sent to hear him).

The education, music, youth, missionary and community programs grew so much that more space was desperately needed. On November 12, 1919 the congregation voted to do something about it. They authorized a fund of \$39,000 to purchase a new manse for the Bethel Chapel, and to acquire the Cook property next door to the church. A committee of about 70 people canvassed the congregation and the goal was oversubscribed in two weeks.

This 17-room house was turned into a Parish House with classrooms, an apartment for the sexton, and church offices. Ten years later it was torn down to make way for the large Parish House we have today. This three-story Tudor-Gothic style building and its chapel required much planning and fund-raising. Ten families donated \$148,000 to start. Other gifts brought the fund to almost \$200,000. The total cost was over \$300,000. In addition, Mr. Howard Foster gave \$50,000, which began the Endowment Fund. The corner stone was laid in the out-door pulpit of the chapel on February 12, 1931, and the House was opened in October, free of debt.

Almost immediately the building became a center for a number of community groups, as well as some 500 Sunday School children, and many church meetings and dinners. The chapel, which can seat nearly 130, is an architectural gem with its rose window and small stained glass side windows. One side of these illustrates events in the life of Christ, the other, ten activities of the Christian church. In December 1993 the chapel sustained heavy damage from a broken steam pipe, but has been restored to its original beauty. A carved Flemish oak fireplace, dated 1645, dominates the Guild Room, the setting for many educational and social events. Christian symbols in various forms are found throughout the building.

### **Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church – A HISTORY**

will continue as a regular feature in the newsletter,  
as we lead into our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

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

### The Assembly Room

#### The Tree of Life Plaques

Around the circumference of each plaque is a stylized representation of the Tree of Life. Center medallions each symbolize one of the elements of life.

Right of stage:

A Flaming Heart signifies zealous Christian Love



Left of stage:

A Roman Lamp as a symbol of Knowledge.

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Nearest the stage:  
A Rose symbolizing Beauty



Starting in the rear:  
A Beehive and Plough stand for Work.

In the middle:  
Toy Balloons and Butterflies symbolize Play.



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## AROUND THE CAPC CAMPUS

### Personnel & Administration

#### A LETTER OF THANKSGIVING FOR RUTH MIKALONIS AS SHE JOURNEYS TO DELAWARE

It's hard to let good people go. Those with heart for service and a willingness to pitch in are rare finds in the world today. Sadly we are called to bid fare well to our Office Administrator, Ruth Mikalonis as God calls her and husband Paul to Delaware. Ruth has been part of our church community for eleven years and as a fellow Presbyterian has been a huge asset to our church office. Her tasks have been so varied and yet, in all my years of knowing her, I never saw her become flustered or angry or ever speak out of turn about anyone, anytime. Ruth took on these tasks with a quiet and serving spirit and sought to be of assistance to anyone who came to her. She has been very discrete, supportive of this congregation and of all of the staff. She will be deeply missed. If I were to select a verse for Ruth that I think exemplifies her service in our midst, it is 1 Peter 4:10-11. "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen."

We hope you will send your remembrances to Ruth and wish her and Paul well on their journey. Her last day here will be May 31 but I am sure they would still love to hear from you even after they move!

We are taking up a collection for Ruth so if you would like to contribute please send your gift to the church and mark it 'for Ruth Mikalonis' in the memo field. We will make sure they receive your gift.

Thank you, Ruth, for your service to Christ and His people here at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church. We wish you all God's greatest blessings as you leave and know you will always have a place here as well.



In Christ,

*Pastor Lynn* and the staff and community of faith here at CAPC

## *FAREWELL & REMEMBRANCES*

When my older daughter was in middle & high school, she swam with the Westfield Y' Aquaducks (synchronized swim team). One of the routes I would take to get her to the pool for practice would bring us right past Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, and I always thought it was a beautiful church. Shortly after that, as the Presbytery Commissioner from my church when there was a Presbytery meeting here at Crescent, I was thrilled to get my opportunity to see the interior of the building. The sanctuary was as beautiful as I expected, and I long after would remember the meeting room with the really cool fireplace.

During the Lenten season of 2008, my church received the Crescent Concerts flyer for the Tenebrae worship service. Since I have always found a Tenebrae service to be particularly spiritually moving, Paul & I decided to come to that service. We (or more he) didn't get much of a chance to see the building that night... even the sanctuary was mostly in darkness.

Two months later, I saw an advertisement for the position of the Office Administrator here at CAPC. When I got the job, I worked the first two weeks with Linda Lartaud. I was given the FULL TOUR, including the basement (Yikes!). When people are visiting now (even my husband), and ask how to get to the exit, I have to remind myself of that first week I had to carefully consider the route to take to anywhere in the building. Of course, it didn't help that shortly after I started, the Men's & Women's Restrooms switched places.

Knowing that retirement was in the not too distant future, Paul & I have been 'checking out' communities in Delaware for a couple of years. Last spring, his company announced a package that would allow him to keep my medical coverage until I would be eligible for Medicare. So the plans moved forward by a bit! When I informed Pastor Lynn that we were about to put our house on the market (thinking there would still be a lot of time!), there were a few tears. But everything has happened so quickly since then that there hasn't been a lot of time to think about it too much!

I have greatly enjoyed my time at Crescent! I will miss and pray for you all!

*Love & Prayers, Ruth*



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#### LINDA TIFFANY LARTAUD

**WAS OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR AT CRESCENT AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR 16 YEARS**



Linda Tiffany Lartaud joined the life eternal on April 19, 2019, in Charleston, S.C.

She was born Linda Tiffany in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 18, 1944, and grew up in the Chicago suburb of Wilmette, IL.

After graduating from New Trier High School and Washington University, she moved to New York City, where she worked in human resources. While in New York she met her future husband, David Lartaud. They were married in July 1979 and moved to Westfield, N.J., where they lived for 30 years raising a family.

Linda worked at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, N.J. She was the office manager for 16 years and was very active in the Westfield Presbyterian Church

After retiring, she and David moved to Mt Pleasant, S.C., where she enjoyed book group, PEO, traveling, and a fun group called Women Who Wine.

Linda is survived by one son, Derek; her spouse, David; an older sister, Terry Sullivan of Vero Beach, Fla., and many dear friends.

A service of remembrance will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 1, in the chapel of Westfield Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, N.J. Her cremains will be privately interred at the Presbyterian Church Burial Grounds in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's name may be made to [Alzheimer's Association](#) SC Chapter, 901 Pine St. (lower level), Spartanburg, S.C. 29302.

#### **BEST WISHES AS DR. DEBORAH SIMPSON-KING MOVES ON!**

We wish Dr. King well as she takes on a new challenge and thank her for sharing her gifts and talents with us here at CAPC. Coming to us to lead us in the midst of change and revisioning, she has touched the lives of choir members and others and has brought many blessings to our midst.

*Thank you, Deborah; and Godspeed on your future endeavors!*



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*Signs of Spring on the CAPC campus*

Nick is rejoicing because we have the molds to recast the decorative pieces when we begin the renovation of the sanctuary (yes, that will be this year!)

Repointing work has begun on the church house (we WILL stop those leaks!)



## AROUND THE CAPC CAMPUS

### Graduations



#### CAPC 2019 HS Graduate

### Lia Haynes

Willingly performing and choreographing her graceful liturgical dance routines at CAPC, Lia Haynes will attend Temple University as a double major in dance and African American Studies this autumn. Before her collegiate studies, she will graduate as Salutatorian of Plainfield High School's 2019 graduating class and will graduate from Rutgers University-New Brunswick Upward Bound Class of 2019. Lia's activities include dance club, debate team, senior class executive committee, prom committee chairperson, varsity cheerleading, Plainfield High School Marching Band Exquisite Gems Captain, and student council. At CAPC, she served as an acolyte, Tenebrae acolyte, lector reader, coffee fellowship volunteer server and homemade cake contributor, Valarie's Kitchen volunteer, and Heifer International,



#### 2019 PHS Salutatorian

Souper Bowl Sunday fundraisers. About CAPC, Lia said, "The 'family' feel from the congregation and the willingness to always help our fellow members even local people is what I love the most. Also, the strength we have as one [congregation] and how we never falter even after a serious issue. That is one aspect I carry with me everyday because I always try to look at the brighter side of a serious situation."

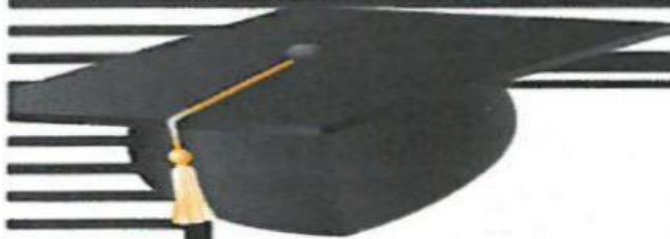
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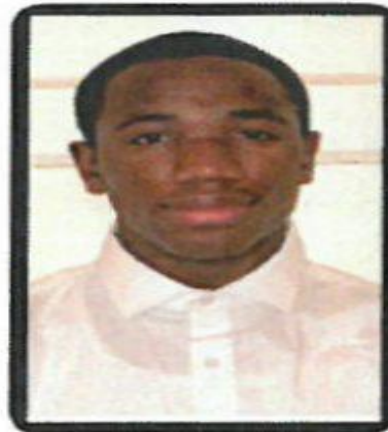
### Graduations



#### CAPC 2019 HS Graduate

### McRae Nkellefack


Quiet waters run deep may best describe McRae Nkellefack who, though soft-spoken, willingly served as narrator or volunteer in all aspects of our church works. This autumn, he will attend Rowan University majoring in biology. He will graduate from Plainfield High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and served as Captain of the Wrestling and Football varsity teams. At CAPC, McRae volunteered in Valarie's Soup Kitchen, served as an acolyte, assisted as an usher, volunteered as a fundraiser for Heifer International and Souper Bowl Sunday. He participated in the Christmas and Easter holiday dramatizations and served as an acolyte for Tenebrae service. About CAPC, McRae said, " I really enjoy the diversity within CAPC and how every member of the church is very open and kindhearted. CAPC is a very comfortable place where great people come to share a common goal which is listening and spreading the good news of the Lord."



**PHS National Honor Society Member. Varsity Football & Varsity Wrestling Captain.**

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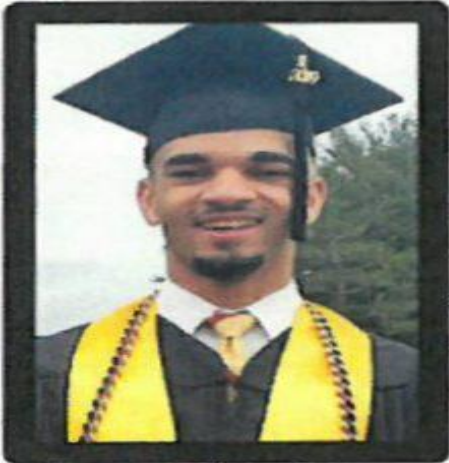
### Graduations



**CAPC 2019**  
**Rowan University Graduate**

**Brandon Baker**

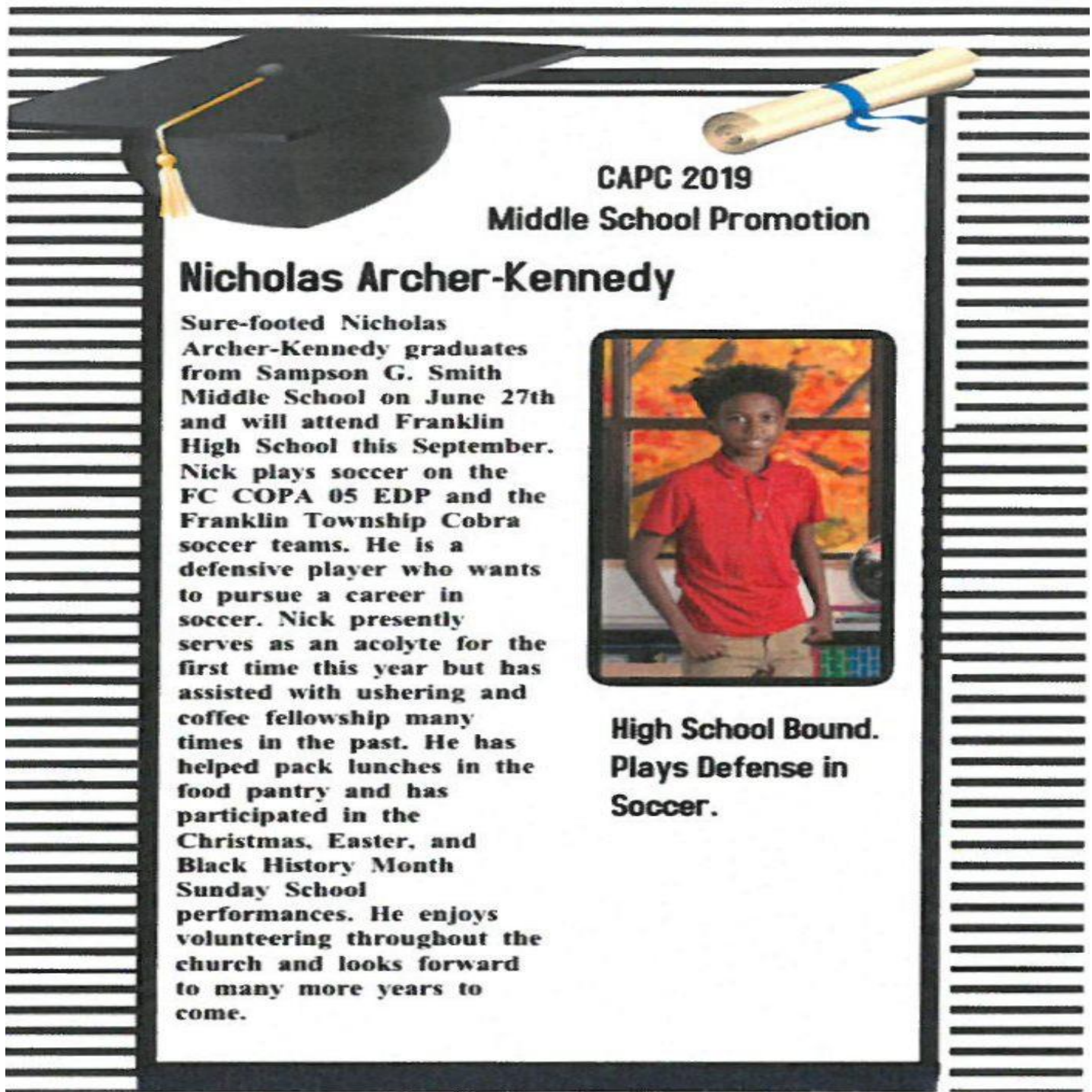
With a bachelor's in finance, Brandon Baker graduated from Rowan University this spring. He heads to Newton, PA, in September to begin work as a financial advisor for Creative Financial Group. This summer he plans to mentor Newark, NJ, children teaching the basics of financial literacy. While at Rowan, Brandon received the Achieving the Dream Scholarship (ATD) for students maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA and become active members of the campus; he also served as an ATD mentor to incoming recipients. He was a member of Rowan WISE Man, an all men's group discouraging toxic masculinity and mentoring other men on the issue; a Resident Assistant and later Assistant Resident Director to supervise RAs and manage two upperclassmen residence halls; a University Innovation Fellow who traveled to Stanford University to bring innovative thinking and entrepreneurship to Rowan; and he helped charter the Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity on campus also serving as its Vice President and Treasurer.



**Chartered A Fraternity. Now A Financial Advisor.**

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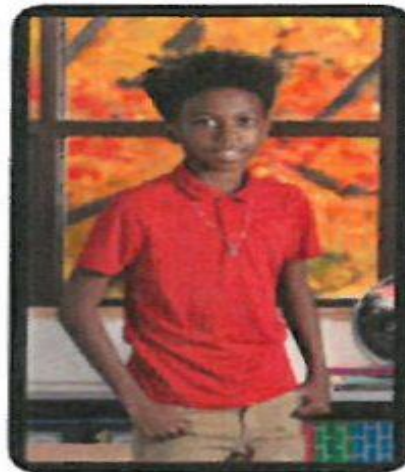
### Graduations



#### CAPC 2019 Middle School Promotion

### Nicholas Archer-Kennedy

Sure-footed Nicholas Archer-Kennedy graduates from Sampson G. Smith Middle School on June 27th and will attend Franklin High School this September. Nick plays soccer on the FC COPA 05 EDP and the Franklin Township Cobra soccer teams. He is a defensive player who wants to pursue a career in soccer. Nick presently serves as an acolyte for the first time this year but has assisted with ushering and coffee fellowship many times in the past. He has helped pack lunches in the food pantry and has participated in the Christmas, Easter, and Black History Month Sunday School performances. He enjoys volunteering throughout the church and looks forward to many more years to come.



**High School Bound.  
Plays Defense in  
Soccer.**

John Ortberg



Eternity  
is Now in  
Session

A Radical Rediscovery of What Jesus Really  
Taught about Salvation, Eternity and  
Getting to the Good Place

**Something in us is waiting—  
for what, we don't know.  
Something different?  
Something better?**

**Join us for our Summer Series**

**Sunday mornings, 9 am  
July – August  
Chapel**

For Christians, perhaps the deepest expression of what we're waiting for is found in the phrase "eternal life." But what is eternal life? Why do we want it? And how do we know if we have it?

In 'Eternity Is Now in Session', bestselling author John Ortberg dispels the myth that eternal life is something way out in outer space that we can only hope to experience after we die—and that being saved is merely about meeting the minimal entrance requirements for getting into heaven. Instead, John unpacks the reality that the moment we trust Christ, we are initiated into "eternal living" with God as a here and now reality, one that will continue beyond our life on this earth. Jesus defined eternal life just once, in John 17:3: ". . . that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." The kind of "knowing God" that is eternal life is an interactive relationship, not just an affirmation of certain facts about God.

Join us for the journey!

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church  
716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey  
crescentonline.org

## Fun for All

# The Greatest Is Love

God loves us very much! All through the Bible we read stories about His love. That is why He sent Jesus—because He loves us so much. And He wants us to love each other. Jesus taught what love really is when He died for us. Paul wrote about love in 1 Corinthians 13—now known as the “Love Chapter.”

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|-------------|-------------|
| LOVE        | PROUD       |
| RESOUNDING  | REJOICES    |
| CYMBAL      | TRUTH       |
| GIFT        | PROTECTS    |
| PROPHECY    | TRUSTS      |
| KNOWLEDGE   | NEVER FAILS |
| NOTHING     | CHILD       |
| POSSESSIONS | MAN         |
| POOR        | MIRROR      |
| SURRENDER   | FAITH       |
| FLAMES      | HOPE        |
| GAIN        | GREATEST    |
| PATIENT     | GONG        |
| KIND        | FACE        |
| NOT ENVIOUS | KNOW        |

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking; it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Use the underlined words to complete the crossword puzzle. Clues have been provided.

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

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## Fun for All

When people brought their little children to Jesus,  
He put His arms around them and blessed them.  
(Mark 10:13-16)

What did Jesus tell the people? Use the code to find out.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
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Mark 10:15 (NIV)



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## Birthday Celebrations

### JUNE

06/02	Lia	Haynes
06/03	Jordan	Williams
06/15	Barbara	Smith
06/17	Jacqueline	Fahrenheitz
06/17	Michael	Foster
06/18	Gary	Mann
06/20	Dominique	Stevens
06/25	Kelsie	Grant
06/27	Catherine	Badalamenti

### JULY

07/03	Betsy	Herman
07/04	Harry	Osborne Jr.
07/24	Brianna	Baker

### AUGUST

08/01	Leslie	Foltz-Morrison
08/07	Stephanie	DeGeneste
08/10	Ronald	Thayer
08/15	Cameron	Henry
08/21	Gina	Fahrenheitz
08/26	Julie	Downing
08/28	Winifred	Neal
08/29	Ryan	Milligan

June,  
July &  
August



#### 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.



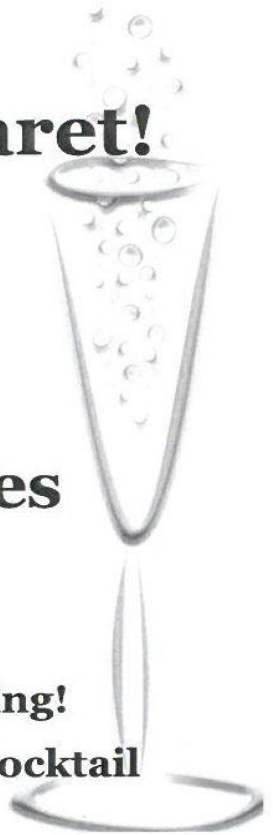
*Come Celebrate!*

*37 seasons of Crescent Concerts*



**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Crescent Concerts Gala Cabaret!**



**Catered Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres  
Reception!**

**Entertainment!**  
**6:00 to 9:00 pm**

**A 50-50 Drawing!**  
**Dress: Casual Cocktail**

If you missed it last year, now's your chance to join the fun!

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**Tickets: \$50**

**On-line:** <https://crescentconcerts.org/Purchase.htm>

**Email:** [drude@crescentconcerts.org](mailto:drude@crescentconcerts.org)

# PICNIC, CRESCENT STYLE!

The 175th Anniversary Committee hosts  
the annual Crescent Picnic  
JUNE 9th following worship.



We're firing up the grill  
with burgers and dogs

and  
there will be an  
ice cream dessert bar!

We need YOU to  
bring a side dish.

Please let us know you are coming  
and what you will bring by  
contacting a committee chair or  
by signing up on the bulletin board

Your Anniversary Committee,  
*Kathy Mann, Joan Pivnichny and BJ Snyder*

# *“Take Me Out to the Ball Game...”*



The CAPC Membership and Evangelism Committee  
and the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
are hosting an exciting evening outing to see our favorite Somerset Patriots  
battle the New Britain Bees and enjoy a spectacular fireworks finale show!



**WHO:** Crescentonians and friends are invited! Tickets are \$8.50 per person.  
We have reserved 30 tickets together as a group, so RSVP soon to ensure  
group seating. Additional tickets at this group rate may be purchased, but  
without a guarantee of sitting with our Crescent group. (Also, a variety of  
yummy food is available for purchase at the park.)

**WHAT:** Somerset Patriots Baseball Game

**WHEN:** Friday July 12, 7:05 pm

**WHERE:** TD Bank Ballpark, 1 Patriots Park, Bridgewater NJ 08807

**WHY:** We would love to have you come out with us to enjoy an evening of  
baseball, fellowship, fireworks and, of course, peanuts and Cracker Jacks!

***AND to celebrate our anniversary, we will see our beloved  
Crescent name up in lights on the Big Board!***



**Tickets must be purchased by June 18.**

**Please contact BJ Snyder to order. 908-229-6808 or dillyanwen@aol.com**

# CRESCENT CONNECTIONS

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## Calendar Events

<b>1-Jun</b>	04:30 PM – 07:30 PM	Wedding w/ Reception	Sanctuary / Assembly Room
<b>2-Jun</b>	09:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Youth Education	Hallway
<b>2-Jun</b>	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	CEN Awards Luncheon	Assembly Room
<b>4-Jun</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>8-Jun</b>	09:00 AM - 05:30 PM	FOP	Church Grounds
<b>8-Jun</b>	03:00 PM - 05:00 PM	SEIU - District Meeting	Assembly Room
<b>9-Jun</b>	01:00 PM - 05:00 PM	CAPC Picnic	Assembly Room
<b>11-Jun</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>11-Jun</b>	04:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Presbytery of Elizabeth	Off Location
<b>11-Jun</b>	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	WMA Meeting	Conf Rm 101
<b>11-Jun</b>	07:30 PM - 09:30 PM	PSO Board ANNUAL Meeting	Guild Room
<b>12-Jun</b>	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	WMA Meeting	Conf Rm 101
<b>16-Jun</b>		<b>Father's Day</b>	
<b>18-Jun</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>20-Jun</b>	10:00 AM		Assembly Room

NJ Mental Health Players present:

### *Leveraging Community - Partnership with Stakeholders*

<b>23-Jun</b>	04:00 PM - 07:30 PM	FOP	Lower Chapel
<b>25-Jun</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>29-Jun</b>	08:00 AM - 08:30 AM	FUSP Food Distribution	Assembly Room
<b>2-Jul</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>4-Jul</b>		<b>Independence Day</b>	
<b>7-Jul</b>	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Adult Series =	Chapel
<b>7-Jul</b>		<i>Fternity is Now in Session</i>	
<b>9-Jul</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>12-Jul</b>	07:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Somerset Patriots Ballgame	Off Location
<b>14-Jul</b>	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Adult Series =	Chapel
		<i>Fternity is Now in Session</i>	
<b>16-Jul</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>20-Jul</b>	12:00 PM - 05:00 PM	FOP Youth Program	Assembly Room
<b>21-Jul</b>	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Adult Series =	Chapel

### *Fternity is Now in Session*

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## Calendar Events

<b>21-Jul</b>	03:00 PM - 07:00 PM	AR Ministerio	Assembly Room
<b>23-Jul</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>27-Jul</b>	08:00 AM - 08:30 AM	FUSP Food Distribution	Assembly Room
<b>28-Jul</b>	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Adult Series = <i>Fternity is Now in Session</i>	Chapel
<b>4-Aug</b>	08:00 AM - 10:00 AM	FOP Worship	Lower Chapel
<b>4-Aug</b>	03:00 PM - 07:00 PM	AR Ministerio	Assembly Room
<b>6-Aug</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>10-Aug</b>	03:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Wedding Non-Members	Sanctuary
<b>11-Aug</b>	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Adult Series =	Chapel
<b>11-Aug</b>		<i>Fternity is Now in Session</i>	
<b>13-Aug</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>13-Aug</b>	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	WMA Meeting	Conf Rm 101
<b>18-Aug</b>	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Adult Series = <i>Fternity is Now in Session</i>	Chapel
<b>18-Aug</b>	12:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Session Meeting	Conf Rm 101
<b>20-Aug</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
<b>24-Aug</b>	08:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FUSP Food Distribution	Assembly Room
<b>24-Aug</b>	06:00 PM - 08/25/19	Quniceanera	Assembly Room
<b>25-Aug</b>	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Adult Series = <i>Fternity is Now in Session</i>	Chapel
<b>27-Aug</b>	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	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**

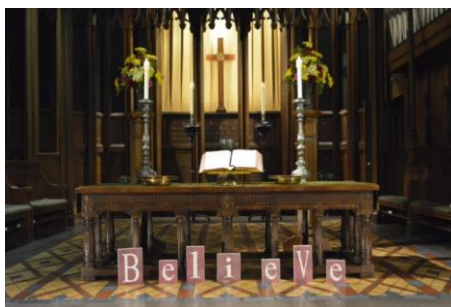
*Education - 9 am*

*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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