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Pastoral Letter

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From the Desk of Pastor Lynn

Dear Crescentonians -

Perhaps because we have been working our way through Ephesians this summer, but as we turn our eyes to the fall and an abundance of programming yet to come, I feel an amazing sense of gratitude for all of the work that Christ has done in our midst already! Our big news is that the kitchen is nearing completion. A couple more items to be ticked off our punch list, two more inspections and we will officially be reopened with an amazing space. Check out the photos inside and report from our Mission and Outreach Committee which shares some of the vision.

This summer has been full with the addition of the "Invitation to Solitude and Silence" program, a meditation and times of deep prayer which helped us center ourselves in Christ, grow quiet and listen for God's voice. We have enjoyed the fellowship of Sundae at the Movies and worked hard (and had more ice cream) at our Leadership Summit in Ocean Grove. The Nominating Committee has organized Coffee & Conversations which have offered an exploration of what it means to be Presbyterian, how to recognize a call to ministry, and explore how our church lives out her calling to serve in Christ's name. We have been busy!

You may be wondering what the Fall will be offering. There are more details inside, but we have a fall packed with deep and faithful lessons from the Bible for our Sunday School, a new member class, a gala in November to celebrate the reopening of our kitchen, a special educational program on the theology of Handel's Messiah (complete with road trip to hear the piece live), and so much more.

This is an amazing time to be at CAPC. The ministries and missions are running full steam, the building renovation continues at a good pace, the community outreach is yielding new relationships and opportunities, the worship remains the very best we have to offer--the Spirit is alive. We hope as you read through these pages that the glimpses of God's glory will shine through and touch your heart, inviting you to join us and experience church life that is distinctly Crescent Avenue--a community that is called by Christ, equipped to serve, hungry for truth, dedicated to service and rejoicing in His blessings.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Lynn

Leadership Summit Report to Congregation

Ocean Grove, NJ - July 21, 2018

Summary

Our retreat this year included themes from our spring CEN programming, soul keeping, and meditation, slowing down and giving God space to speak (or rather giving ourselves space in order to hear God's speech). Although we have had wonderful feedback on our John Ortberg series and even summer meditation series, not many people at the retreat had experienced these events. The retreat gave more people a taste of the spiritual work unfolding in our midst. In addition, time for a review of where we saw God moving in our midst and setting goals for the upcoming year was touched on.

The year before us is a banner year for CAPC as we will be celebrating 175 years of ministry. Quite an accomplishment! There was great energy from within the group to form a committee and begin planning. This will be a top goal for our year. In addition, the program year launches with our kitchen renovation nearing completion and thus embarking on a whole new way of doing soup kitchen and increasing the viability of building on our rental goals. This will be a key piece to ensuring sustainability of this campus in this midst of our mission and ministry. But even that is not all.

We have seen an energizing of the nominating process and membership/evangelism which will help us move forward on critical areas. Earlier initiatives of reaching out into the community are bearing early fruit as community partnerships are forming and CAPC is being seen as a part of the Plainfield community. Rentals slackened with the kitchen's closing, but are expected to resurge once we reopen the facility (now a restaurant-grade kitchen!). These are significant accomplishments and exemplify the work that God is doing in our midst through tireless disciples who remain committed to building up God's kingdom right here, right now.

Major Initiatives for the 2018-19 Program Year:

- 175th CAPC Celebration
- Continued campus improvements: begin work on Sanctuary, repave parking lots, improve landscaping, etc.
- Strengthen internal missions & ministries, particularly in the area of communication, membership, fellowship & leadership
- Develop and nurture community partnerships support and enhance the missions of all parties involved

In Loving Memory

Elizabeth W. McNish

November 8, 1929 – August 22, 2018

On Tuesday, August 22, 2018 heaven's gate swung wide and one of our treasured Crescentonians entered her eternal rest. I would imagine that the same, bright smile that Liz is fondly remembered for beamed as she was welcomed home. She will be dearly missed for her grace, her faithful witness and her dedication to bringing about God's Kingdom here on earth in tangible and loving ways.

Liz fulfilled her callings as Deacon and Elder not only in the time she served on the respective boards, but beyond that as she continued to be active in various committees, Bible studies, classes and gatherings, always seeking to be a supportive presence. She was a woman of many gifts. In her memorial service we recounted how she was part of a Plainfield Book Club, volunteered at the Plainfield library, YWCA, Muhlenberg Gift Shop, Habitat for Humanity...the list goes on. She worked as a teacher at Wardlaw-Hartridge where her own children attended school. Frustrated with not knowing how to help those children who were challenged in their learning, she returned to school and received a Masters in Education so she could be of greater service in teaching.



She held a love for the Adirondacks, enjoyed traveling, tennis, golfing, canoeing and even shooting where she won a championship sharpshooter trophy with her son. She was an avid singer for decades, participating in various choral and singing groups which included Crescent Concerts. She played bells and served on Worship, Music & Arts until her failing health prevented her from attending meetings for the last several months.

She was predeceased by her husband, Gerald Bruce McNish, who died in 1971; as well as her brothers, Louis Addison Water, Jr., Robert Benton Waters and George Bausch Waters.

Surviving are her son, Bruce (and his wife, Caroline) of Winter Garden, FL; her daughter, Betsy M. Herman of Plainfield; and her grandsons, Matthew M. McNish and David A. Herman.

It was shared that when she used to visit her mother in New York State, her mother would begin to cry when she left. Not wanting to see her mother cry, she said she would no longer say 'goodbye' but rather 'hello.' We too wish to share that sentiment and send our beloved sister into her eternal rest with the words, 'Hello, Liz, we will miss you until we see you again at heaven's gate.' Rest in peace your work was well done and your legacy of love and service will not be forgotten.



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Spirit-Fallfillment



Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church fall programming launches with another season of fulfilling experiences to deepen understanding, grow through service, cultivate gratitude, and find joy in fellowship! Here are some of the highlights--keep an eye out for others!

Sacred Rhythms - Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life - Ruth Haley Barton. Our summer Solitude & Silence was so popular we didn't want to stop! This fall offering (no experience required so even if you weren't available for summer this will be a great time to join) offers a six session series, Wednesday evenings in the Chapel, 6:30 - 7:30 pm beginning September 12

New Member Class - September 30 @ @ 12 noon; October 10 7:30 pm; October 14 @12 noon - explore questions you have about being Christian in a community of faith AND the nuances of being a Crescentonian! It's fun, enlightening and an incredible step forward in faith. Contact the church office so we know you will be attending. We look forward to seeing you there.

Game Night - October 19 - Sometimes it is great to kick back, relax and have some fun. This is what game night is all about. We learn about each other, have a lot of laughs and never talk shop! It's all about the fun and fellowship. Look for more information in our bulletin and this newsletter.

Sunday School - our children's programming is outstanding and will be focusing this year on strengthening their understanding of the Bible. Check in with our CEN leadership to learn how you can enroll your child so they don't miss out on this opportunity for growth and understanding!

But there is so much more....check us out!!!

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Finance

As we finish out the summer we look forward to the completion of our kitchen renovation project. Our strategy for long term financial stability was to create revenue streams to support the ongoing costs of our facility. Our kitchen will now be fully compliant with all of the regulations to operate as a commercial kitchen. We hope to re-open the food ministry that was implemented after Super Storm Sandy and continued for years. The renovation opens up many options for expansion or revenue generation opportunities.



On Saturday, November 10th we are planning to celebrate the re-opening of the kitchen with a Gala that will include food, drink, music and dancing. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss this wonderful event. We are currently in the planning stages so watch for more information to come. Donors will be recognized at this event. As you know we have had a great deal of support from the congregation and friends as well as many grants that have provided much needed funding. We still have a shortfall so it is not too late to make a donation to this exciting project.

On October 7th we are going to have a guest speaker from the Presbytery come to talk to us about planned giving opportunities at a Coffee and Conversation. Please mark your calendar for this important presentation. We have been very blessed over the years by donations coming in from former members who remembered CAPC in their wills. It is a wonderful way to make a difference in the life of this Church.

Many people thought that we would be out of business by now. The improvements to the building are continuing and we are moving ahead while still maintaining our fiscal solvency. There is an excitement in the air. Together we can continue to make things happen here at CAPC!

Kathy Mann

Around the CAPC Campus

Building & Grounds

UPDATE ON KITCHEN RENOVATION

August 2018 Updates

The Kitchen Renovation is 98% complete. It has been a project with many surprises because of the age of building. However, we now have a compliant commercial kitchen that will allow us to expand our missions and give us the ability to generate additional revenues



Kitchen Update



All construction has been completed and inspections for construction, electrical and plumbing have been completed and approved.

By the end of August, we expect health and fire inspections to be completed.

The walk-in freezer and stainless steel tables have been ordered and estimated delivery is by 2nd week of September.

Screens were installed for all windows in the kitchen.

A new kitchen and screen door was installed for entry from the outside with new side panels.

The church has received over \$170,000 dollars in grants and donations toward the renovation of the kitchen. We are expecting another \$50,000 from two foundations by the end of October.



Doors between assembly room and kitchen were shaved and re-installed.

The Kitchen, Assembly and Guild rooms were cleaned by a professional cleaning crew.

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Building & Grounds

Additional B&G projects

- Many of our members have been working behind the scene to make sure that our church looks beautiful
 - Henry Ward cleaned floors in Kitchen, Assembly and Guild rooms.
 - Barbara Wensburg and Janna Peterson spent many hours cleaning and redesigning the memorial garden and putting down mulch on the Crescent and Watchung side of the church.
 - Curtains in Guild room were sent out for cleaning.



Future B&G projects

Expect to start the 1st phase of the stone renovation over the front doors of the church on 7th street and brick pointing on the kitchen side of church. We have received a proposal from, Anthony Vincent Company from Nyack, NY which exclusively works on the outside of churches

Brown & Brown, the church insurance company, did an inspection and recommended that we complete the following repairs.

- a. Repair potholes in parking lot
- b. Repair broken/uneven slate sidewalks
- c. Fix extinguishing system
- d. Level uneven sidewalks
- e. Replace missing wood shingles at the manse

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

Around the CACP Campus

CEN Still on the Move... Why Not Hop on the Bus?

The Christian Education and Nurture committee is always on the move- planning, organizing, teaching, creating, administering, and debriefing a myriad of events during the course of any given program year. We finished the 2017-2018 program year with our annual experiential learning activity, Jesus' Holy Week Journey, held on Palm Sunday. Sunday school students and teachers portrayed major events during the last week of Jesus' life including: the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the crucifixion. This event is always a moving experience for guests and participants. On Easter Sunday, after worship activities consisted of fun and games in the Assembly Room that reinforced the Resurrection story. Our middle school and high school Sunday School students conducted another successful Mother's Day Plant Sale to help fund Camp Johnsonburg scholarships. The year concluded celebrating our students' accomplishments with certificates and gifts during a June worship service. Our two high school grads, Alexander Fitzgerald and Samuel Manu, were blessed by the enormous generosity of the congregation as they received monetary gifts to help with college expenses.

CEN is preparing for the 2018-2019 program year exchanging ideas on how we might increase student enrollment, launch a nursery program to serve our littlest members of the congregation who find it difficult to sit through the worship service, enhance our biblically based curriculum, offer Family Movie Nights and other special events, and further prepare our students for the many service opportunities they can experience in our community of faith.

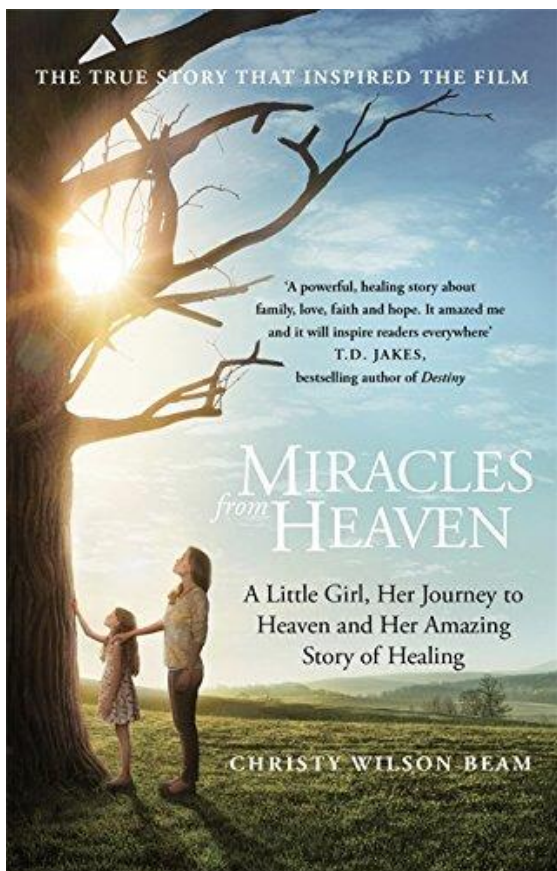
In Jim Collins' iconic book, Good to Great, he comments on how important it is to have the right people on the bus in the right seats. CEN is ecstatic that active committee members Janice Haer, Pat Baker, Chrystal McArthur, Deidra McIntyre, Sally Nkellefack, and Stephanie DeGeneste are on the bus in the right seats, but there's plenty of room on board for other people to join us. CEN would love to have new workers on the bus as we depart for the future destinations that God intends for us during program year 2018-2019. Perhaps you'd like to look into teaching Sunday School, or maybe overseeing one of our Family Movies Nights is more your speed. Whatever your age, talents and abilities, or hobbies, the Lord can use you to help with the work CEN aspires to do. We hold meetings once a month. The date and time of our meetings are set around the availability of committee members. There are instances we use phone conferencing in lieu of a face-to-face meeting. If you're worried your busy schedule will not allow you to be at every meeting, no need to be concerned as we provide notes and other methods of follow-up to ensure everyone is on board. CEN is still on the move...why not hop on the bus? For further information contact Stephanie DeGeneste, smdeg7@juno.com or 732.545.9422.

Stephanie DeGeneste

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Family Movie Night - August 19 *Miracles from Heaven*

Summer evenings afford families so many choices, but on August 19th the Christian Education and Nurture committee was overjoyed that 22 people made a choice to come out to experience *Sundae at the Movies*. Our intergenerational group seemed to really enjoy making their dessert treats, whether they fixed a chocolate cone topped with sprinkles, or went for a hot fudge sundae with a dollop of whip cream and nuts. Movie goers seemed ready to not only taste their chosen goodies, but quite notably, they were ready to taste and see that the Lord is good. When God performs miracles, that it is certainly very good.



The film that readily displayed that miracles sometimes come in the midst of the most painful and perplexing circumstances was *Miracles From Heaven*, based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. The protagonist in the story is 10 year old Anna, who contracts a rare, incurable disease. Her mother Christy's faith is truly tested as she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing. Numerous miracles unfold, the greatest of which is a freak accident. From Anna's fall head first into a large hollowed out tree, and her subsequent dramatic rescue and recovery from the injuries sustained in the fall, the symptoms of her incurable disease are no longer evident, leaving medical specialists mystified. The Beam family is fortified in their faith and Anna's church community and many others are inspired by the dramatic events. Admittedly, *Miracles From Heaven* was a tear jerker, yet the triumphant ending made it worth the view since the movie was a wonderful springboard for our guided discussion about miracles we've seen in our own lives and how adversity gives us a chance to show and share our faith. The conclusion we came to is: let's be constantly on the lookout for God's miracles, but also, let's be willing to be used by God to be a part of the miracles He's looking to perform in the lives of others.

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Missions - News from the Soup Kitchen...



As you can see, the renovation of the kitchen is substantially complete and everyone is wondering and asking “when will the Tuesday Soup Kitchen start again?”

The good news is that we have a beautiful, code compliant commercial kitchen! Not only will this allow us to rent to caterers, chefs and for larger events, but also provides us with an opportunity to expand our food ministries program. This will be essential because our code compliance comes with the obligation to ensure our Soup Kitchen mission is compliant with health and food safety codes as well.

What does this mean for our Soup Kitchen? We will need to find a kitchen manager who is a certified ServSafe® food service manager to assure the kitchen is operated in compliance with applicable codes. ServSafe® is a food and beverage safety training and certification program administered by the National Restaurant Association and accredited by the American National Safety Institute (ANSI) and Conference for Food Protection. Certification is required by restaurants and commercial kitchens as a basic credential for operation and management staff. We had been made aware of this requirement for operating a kitchen that serves the public as our Soup Kitchen did and had begun the process of looking into certification prior to the renovations. We quickly learned we could not comply with the standards with the old kitchen and appliances. Now with the new kitchen we are able to comply once we find a ServSafe® certified manager.

So, we are looking into several options for getting the Soup Kitchen back up and running as soon as possible. One solution being explored is the possibility of an intern from the Food Service Training Academy operated by the Community Food Bank of NJ. Students in this culinary training program are ServSafe® certified as part of their curriculum. Another possibility is to find a caterer or other commercial culinary operation that would rent the kitchen for its operations and provide ServSafe® oversight in the ordering, storage, preparation/handling, serving, etc. of the food for the Soup Kitchen either as a volunteer or in return for reduced rental. The



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person we are looking for will need to oversee the volunteers in a manner that will promote unity and commitment and present a welcoming face to our guests.

The Soup Kitchen is an essential mission and community outreach program of CAPC, but the renovated kitchen will need to do more than operate as a soup kitchen. This requires a different mindset and approach than our previous casual approach when we were running the Tuesday Soup Kitchen. With the renovation complete we will now be able to explore other opportunities to expand our outreach and accommodate a larger spectrum of needs. Change is often difficult, but with faith and open minds we will succeed in our new kitchen with new and exciting opportunities awaiting us!

Pat Fleming

Crescentonians at St. John the Divine in NYC
for what was reported as an amazing concert!

Our own Interim Director of Music, Dr. Deborah King served as Director as well,



Around the CAPC Campus

Membership & Evangelism

The Committee remained busy throughout the summer as we continue to fulfill our mission of encouraging new membership, engaging current members in fellowship and faith and also spreading the news, among ourselves and in the community, of all that God is doing here at CAPC.

We are attempting to publish an edition of Crescent Connections each season. The newsletter is available on our website, Crescentonline.org, as well as in print in the church hallway. Please share copies with friends, family and visitors. And certainly let us know if you have an article of interest for Crescent Connections!

You may have noticed several new items in the sanctuary pews. Visitor cards and our Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church brochure have been updated and a new brochure highlighting Crescent as a rental venue has been designed. These lovely new brochures may also be found in the Narthex and in the Library. Take a look and check out how beautifully our beloved church shines! And please pass brochures along to anyone who you feel might be interested in Crescent for worship, events or rentals.

The New Member Class, "Seeking a Fuller Understanding" will be starting Sunday September 30th at 12 noon. This is a meaningful way to explore one's faith and learn more about Crescent. (See announcement elsewhere in the newsletter and see calendar for following classes.)

In an effort to begin updating the CAPC Directory, the master list will be available in the Guild Room Sundays during Coffee and Fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to check the directory, even if you have not had any changes, to ensure information is correct and complete.

Fun and Games! This was the theme of the second "Grown Up Game Night" held in July. The lively group enjoyed board games, food, fellowship and lots of laughs and attendees even went home with door prize baskets. The next Night of Fun is scheduled for Friday October 19th in the Guild Room. We hope you will join us!

The Membership and Evangelism Committee has really taken off, thanks to the vision and ideas of members. We have lots that God is calling us to do and we have lots of fun doing it together. Won't you join us?

BJ Snyder,

Chair, Membership and Evangelism

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Deacon Dealings

The Deacons are enjoying the luxuries of running water and a beautiful new refrigerator in the almost-completed renovated kitchen. The challenges of hosting coffee hour off of a rolling cart and preparing communion in the hallway, while hosting other special events are almost over! This summer, members of the congregation as well as the Christian Education committee, volunteered to host selected coffee hours, providing the Deacons an opportunity to support other ministries on Sunday.



The Deacons created a warm and welcoming environment for the families and friends that attended the repast celebrations of our former Deacon sisters; Valerie Fisher and Liz McNish. The Deacons are eager and excited to support additional upcoming events that highlight the energy and spiritual thread of Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church, through continued fellowship and outreach.



Respectfully,

Dominique

Around the CACC Campus

Nominating Committee “Feeling the Call?”

The Nominating Committee began the process of selecting the slate of officers for 2019 with a series of 5 Coffee Conversations after church. The first conversation in June was led by Janice Haer and Laura Mann which covered the Biblical basis of elders and deacons, a general description of the roles of elders and deacons, and more specifically, the duties of the Crescent Avenue Session and Board of Deacons.

The last four Coffee Conversations, led by Rev. Santulli, were held on the second and fourth Sundays of July and August with average attendance of 20-25 people. Her topics included the following.

- † the foundational principles of elders and deacons as found in the Book of Order
- † the form of government of the Presbyterian Church as outlined in the Book of Order
- † specific functions of Session committees led by the chairs of the committees
- † what is a call and how do you know if you have been called to become an officer
- † an inventory of spiritual gifts from scripture, where your gifts are, and how God created you to serve

With this portion of our preparation for nominating our next class of officers completed, the second phase begins. We now ask the congregation to prayerfully consider whether you feel so called to become an officer and/or if you know of someone in the congregation who you think has the qualities to become either an elder or deacon. Please inform the Nominating Committee of your insights in one of the following ways:

- If you will be in church, there will be a form for you to fill out
- Call one of the members of the committee directly (names listed below)

Once the slate of officers has been drawn up, the Nominating Committee submits the slate to Session and when it is approved by them, a Congregational meeting will be called in order for the congregation to approve the slate.

Before the new officers are ordained and installed in January, Rev. Santulli will conduct training and preparation sessions for all incoming and current elders and deacons. The Nominating Committee fervently prays that God will lead us to find the very best people to carry forth His work here at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church and thanks you for your attendance at the Coffee Conversations, your willingness to thoughtfully suggest names for next year's officers, and your continued prayers as we prepare our slate.

Janice Haer, Laura Mann,

Drude Crane, Andre McIntyre, Dominique Stevens.

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Birthday Celebrations

***** SEPTEMBER *****

Wendy Reid	09/03
Jack Shuster	09/03
Robert Martin	09/04
Andre McIntyre	09/07
James Pivnichny	09/08
Danyelle (Archer) Williams	09/09
Kristin Yoshimura	09/11
Nick Stevens	09/16
Bryant Aaron	09/18
Ryan Williams	09/19
Samuel Manu	09/25
Henry Ward	09/28
Laura Villanueva	09/29
Barb Martin	09/30

***** OCTOBER *****

Shereka Fagan	10/02
Elaine Willard	10/02

Morgan Williams	10/06
Jacque Archer-Kennedy	10/10
Norma Fagan	10/12
Bella Lissinna	10/12
Joanne Rigney	10/13
Brian Downing	10/14
Allan Yoshimura	10/21
Joan Williams	10/22
Geraldine Harvey	10/28

***** NOVEMBER *****

Leslie Fagan	11/05
Deidra McIntyre	11/05
Bob Fahrenholz	11/06
Jean Badalamenti	11/12
Jonathan Buck	11/13
Janice Haer	11/13
Herbert Colyer	11/16
Brandon Baker	11/27



*September
to
November*

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.

CAPEC -- A History

Our Presbyterian History

by Rev. Charles Brackbill

Our church was born at a time of great theological and ecclesiastical controversy. The debate was so serious that the national church itself was split in two just seven years before the founding of Crescent Avenue Presbyterian church. Since Presbyterianism traces its beginnings to John Calvin, a lawyer-theologian, it may be little wonder that this denomination has always been concerned with the doctrinal fine print, with getting things right, even things of the spirit. We're not comfortable with ambiguity.

In the late 18th and early 19th century the denomination twice tore itself apart over theological issues in which men (they were all men in those days) honestly differed. Two sides hardened. Ministers and elders debated in Presbyteries, and sooner or later voted to join one or the other side.

The good folk in the congregations may not have understood what it was all about, but they usually went along with their pastors. But not in Plainfield! One fine spring day 86 Presbyterians chose another way and started a new Presbyterian Church. That was our beginning.

Why did they make this bold and decisive move? To understand that we need to know what was going on in Presbyterianism in that day.

In the 1600's there were thousands of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians scattered through the colonies. By the 1700's there were ten or fifteen churches in this area. Presbyterians were in the thick of the revolution and the establishment of the new nation. John Witherspoon, the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence was joined by 12 other Presbyterians in this dangerous act, including New Jersey's Governor Livingston.

Presbyterian Churches were looted and burned. Elizabethtown pastor, James Caldwell, was both chaplain and quartermaster for General Washington's army. The British said he was a 'retailer of sedition on Sundays and of ammunition on weekdays.' Both he and his wife were killed. Another Elizabeth pastor, John Dickinson, helped found the College of New Jersey, later Princeton, which met in the First Church in that community. So Presbyterians were deeply involved in this historic time. Presbyterians helped found, govern and educate the new nation. By the early 1800's Presbyterians were recognized as the most influential denomination in the country. It had a learned ministry, sizeable membership that was distributed in this emerging nation, an efficient central government, prestige from its unquestioned patriotism and a renewed spiritual vigor. By 1830 the church was growing more rapidly, proportionally, than the country as a whole. So why this did respected and growing church, with so much intact, weaken itself with controversy?

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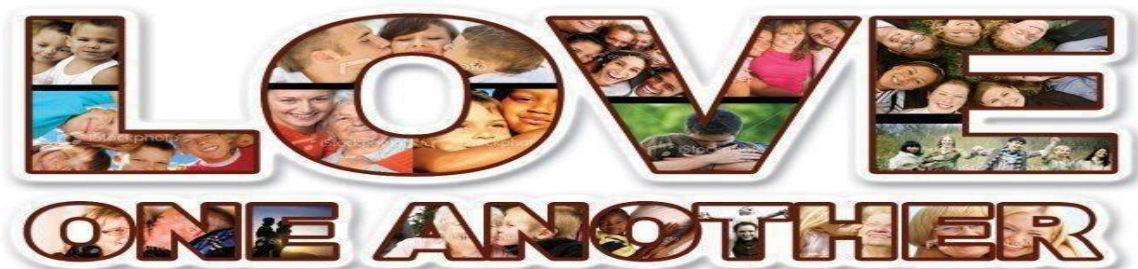
A major reason has to do with theology: Presbyterians in America took their theology straight and their form of government seriously. They were against the meddling of state supported religion. They did not want to be Baptists, where every congregation made its own rules, and they were too democratic for a hierarchy of Bishops like Anglicans. So Presbyterians did what Presbyterians do best. They organized themselves into a debating, decision-making, standard setting body, where clergy and laity alike could discuss the issues of what it meant, theologically and practically, to be Presbyterian.

With this system there was a place and a process to decide what Presbyterians should believe, and how they should relate to secular society.

Francis Makemie, a young Irish missionary, remembered as the "The Father of organized American Presbyterianism," formed the first "Presbytery" of seven churches at Freehold, New Jersey, on December 17, 1706. As more and more churches were started, more presbyteries were formed, then a synod and in 1789, the General Assembly. Now the church had a national face, and could govern with some authority, and worry about the state of the world. The rules and pronouncements now began with a real earnestness.

After the Revolution there was a period of spiritual decline, which was alarming to many of the church leaders, so the General Assembly of 1798 made a pronouncement decrying "a general dereliction of religious principles and practices." Perhaps the effects of Deism and Tom Paine's "Age of Reason," which made "free thinking" popular, were beginning to be felt in the churches. Whether it led to all out dereliction, or not, it caused some leaders to cling even more firmly to their traditional theology, and others to take less dogmatic positions. Through it all, the seeds of controversies to come were planted.

However, by 1801 a revival of faith and fervor swept through all denominations. It was the time of "Camp Meetings," quite a challenge to Presbyterians who put high value on an educated and intellectual clergy, and "decency and order" in religious life and worship. Nevertheless, even Presbyterian congregations experienced a renewed spiritual vigor, too much for some tastes. But both the nation and the church were maturing, and there was a new spirit of openness and cooperation with non-Presbyterians. In some areas in the northeastern portion of this new nation, Presbyterians and Congregationalists were working closely on the



LOVE one another, As i have LOVED you.
John 13:34

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frontiers, then in Western New York and Pennsylvania. Things were going so well that a “Plan of Union” was circulating. It was to formalize their informal relationship in such a way that all would keep their separate identities, but cooperate fully as if they were one body (several of the early ministers of the Presbyterian Church were former Congregationalists). However this was going too far for many Presbyterian traditionalists who knew where that kind of thing could lead and they wanted no part of it. They feared any dilution of their form of governance.

Moreover, Congregationalist theologians at Yale (their stronghold) were beginning to openly challenge some of the sacred tenants of the Westminster standards which had shaped Presbyterianism since 1645. To many, this was a frontal attack. Such things were not up for debate. Add to this the cozy relationship with the very church from which these theological attacks, came and there were the sparks of serious theological contention and fire. For some, this was seen as mischief infecting young ministers and new churches. “True Blue” Presbyterians would have none of it. However, the sparks were already beginning to set fires. Two sides were clearly drawn! These were called “Old School” and “New School” the reference here is to schools of thought.

In 1844 the fire of division was burning brightly and when the people who founded this church made their decision to begin, they were no doubt influenced by this controversy.

The New School was more progressive, though by no means “liberal” in the way the term is used today. The Old School defended straight Calvinist theology on which the denomination was founded, including the doctrine of predestination, whereby in some interpretations, God was responsible for sending people including innocent children to hell, or heaven, leaving no personal choice. The New School was convinced that this kind of theology and practice was paralyzing the Church.

All of this discussion was not just esoteric, arcane debate. There were real implications for the ordering of congregational life. For example, New Schoolers were sympathetic to the idea that children should grow into the Christian faith by nurture, rather than through conversion experiences, which were so favored at the time. The choice was put to local churches-revivalism or education.

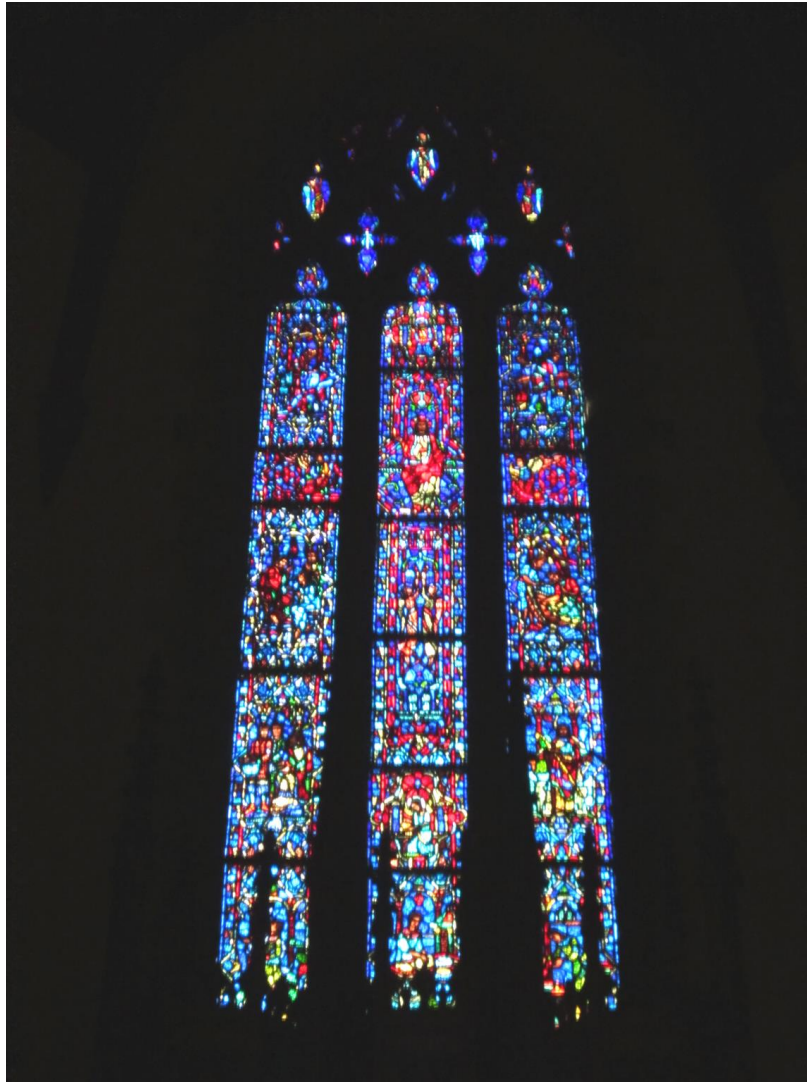
Finally, the pot boiled over at the 1837 General Assembly. With a slim majority, the New School Presbyteries were ‘excommunicated.” The next year the New School commissioners to the Assembly were again rebuffed, so they went next door and organized their own General Assembly. Now there were two Presbyterian denominations and it was a disastrous time for the Church.

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church – A HISTORY

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CAPC -- A History

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"*.

CAPEC -- A History

The Narthex

nar·thex /'närTHEks/

Noun

1. An antechamber or porch at the western entrance of early Christian churches, separated off by a railing and used by catechumens,...
2. An antechamber or large porch in a modern church.

The narthex of Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church provides a gathering space for those coming to the church before they enter the Nave or Sanctuary. Here people are warmly welcomed, stepping out from the world and preparing to enter the sacred space. As you look around, you already see signs and symbols, indicating that your point of reference has changed from the world to the world of the sacred. The Archangel Michael guards the door (see below) under a carved canopy which is a replica of two which hung over the altars in the Antwerp Cathedral in the early 1800's. On the opposite side of the door hangs a World War II Honor Roll which is a carved triptych bearing the names of all communicants of this church who served in the armed forces during the war years, 1941-1945.



Archangel Michael Bas-Relief

Unauthenticated date, 1431. Archangels, one of nine orders of angels, were the messengers and defenders of heaven.

Revelation 12:7

CAPEC -- A History

The Nave

nave /nāv/

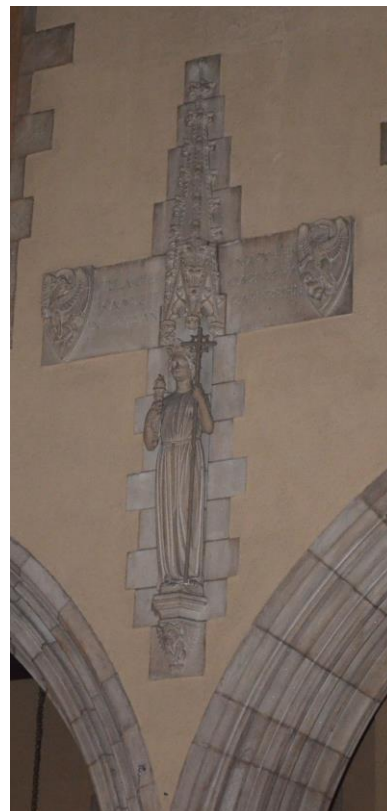
Noun

1. The central part of a church building, intended to accommodate most of the congregation.
2. The hub of a wheel.

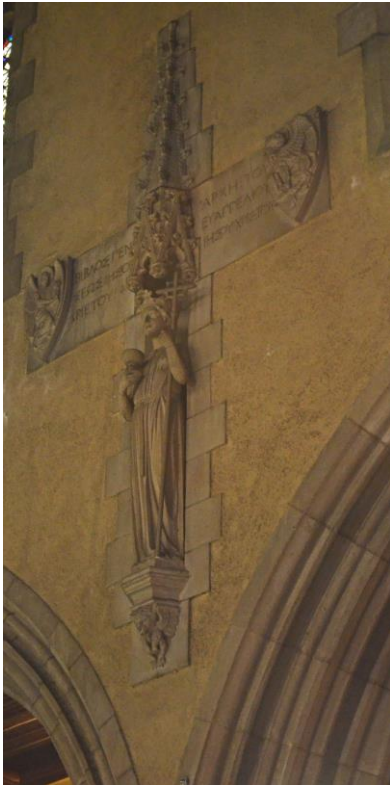
The nave or sanctuary of the church is the heart of the church, from it springs the worship that is the heartbeat of the congregation and the lifeblood from which all the mission and ministry of the church is nurtured and is given life. Here you see no clocks or calendars, but rather are surrounded by reminders of the heavenly kingdom. Angels trumpet from the walls and words of the Gospels are carved in marble. Symbols of the faith abound and the soaring architecture speaks of a heavenly realm beyond our daily existence that calls us to life.

The ceiling is over 70 feet high and resembles the hull of a large ship, a symbol of the church as a vessel that will see the pilgrims home safely to port. The columns are gothic in design and reminiscent of medieval cathedrals. The total length of the Church, from front to rear wall, is 160 feet; the width, 55 feet; width of nave, 34 feet; the height, from floor to ridge, 70 feet. The top of the finial on the steeple is 169 feet above finished grade at the base of the tower.

As your eye lifts upward, you see two angels, one on the left and one on the right between the first and second arches. The angels both hold a chalice, the cup of the new covenant. To your left the medallion is of a Winged Man, signifying the human nature of Christ; the Lion, on the right, His royal character. Panels on either side of the Angel contain opening words of the gospels, Matthew and Mark in Greek.



CAPEC -- A History



Angel of Light on the right carries a torch. The left medallion is an Ox, representing the sacrificial nature of Christ and on the right is an Eagle, representing the Holy Spirit which was ever upon Him. These symbols match those associated with the Gospel writers Luke and John whose opening words are inscribed in marble as well (in Greek).

Bas-Relief of Angel with Trumpet is located on the front wall of the chancel and is a plaster model from which the Angels over the main entrance of the church were cast, trumpeting the glory of God.



CAPC -- A History

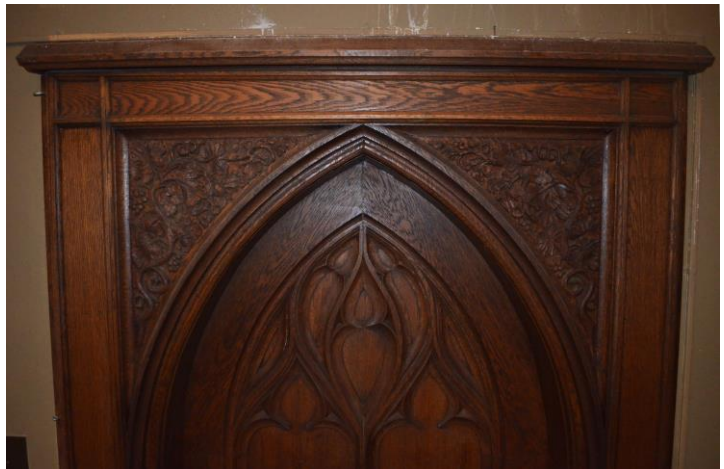


Keeping your gaze upward, you will notice several wrought iron lanterns lighting the main body of the nave. The lanterns are of hand wrought iron and ancient Flemish glass. Worked into each lantern are the figures of three Apostles (those who bore the light of Christ to the world).

Door to the Sacristy (Session Room) (Second door to right of Chancel)

Carving over this door is a branching vine memorializing Christ's words in John 15:5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."*

Note the same motif on the pulpit. Grapes also signify the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



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Fun for All

Parables of Jesus

Jesus shared interesting stories (parables) so people would understand how God loved them and wanted them to live. People loved listening to the stories Jesus told. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

PARABLES	LOAF
SETTING	DISCIPLES
SEA	HOUSE
SOILS	HIDDEN
SEEDS	TREASURE
GROWTH	VALUABLE
WEEDS	PEARL
MUSTARD TREE	NET
LEAVENED	OWNER

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

D	N	K	P	I	G	I	A	N	E	D	D	I	H	S
A	E	G	H	G	N	M	X	R	E	F	D	I	I	P
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I	N	A	I	Y	E	S	L	Y	W	E	W	Y	L	E
F	H	R	D	N	U	M	K	I	V	E	H	N	V	E
K	U	A	B	M	O	D	H	K	O	W	R	L	A	D
E	X	P	V	F	J	W	P	C	Y	S	P	T	C	S

Across

- The Good Samaritan gave the innkeeper two _____ to take care of the wounded man. (Luke 10:25-37)
- In the parable of the sower, some seeds fell upon stony places. They withered away because they had _____. (Matthew 13:1-23)
- In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the injured man had fallen into the hands of _____. (Luke 10:25-37)
- In the parable of the Good Samaritan, this man passed by the injured man. (Luke 10:25-37)
- The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ seed. (Matthew 13:31-35)
- In the parable of the weeds, the weeds are _____ up. (Matthew 13:24-30)
- In the parable of the lost son, the father explained to the older brother, "This brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is _____." (Luke 15:11-32)

Down

- In the parable of the wedding banquet, the servants went out into the _____. (Matthew 22:1-14)
- In the parable of the sower, some seeds fell among thorns. The thorns _____. (Matthew 13:1-23)
- In the parable of the sower, some seed fell on good ground. It brought forth a _____. (Mark 4:1-20)

Fun for All

Joash was only 7 years old when he became king.
He had men repair the Lord's temple.
(2 Chronicles 24:1-16)

Put an X on 10 things that do not belong in the picture.



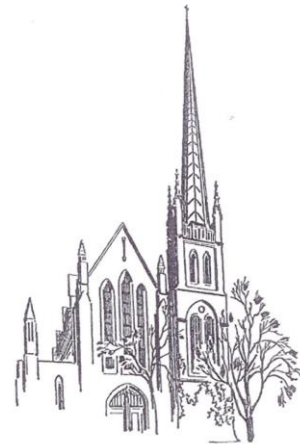
Announcements

NEW MEMBER CLASS

- * Are you interested in learning what it means to be a Crescent Avenue Presbyterian?
- * Would you like to know the history of this remarkable building (and some secrets)?
- * Find out more about CAPC missions and ministries?

“SEEKING A FULLER UNDERSTANDING”

is an opportunity to deepen your understanding of church life and faith life and to get to better know this warm community of faith.



We will embark on this exciting adventure starting on September 30th!
More details to follow.

Please see Pastor Lynn or BJ Snyder if you are interested or would like more information.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION?



The Membership and Evangelism Committee is beginning the task of updating our CAPC Directory. Each week the directory will be available in the Guild Room during Coffee Hour.

- We ask that everyone PLEASE review your information (even if you have not changed anything).
- If there are changes to be made, please make the updates.
- If everything is correct, please mark as “ok”, so that we know you have already looked at your (family’s) entry.
- If you are not included in the directory, and believe that you should be, please contact BJ Snyder.

You may also contact BJ Snyder if you have changes. Thank you!

Announcements



Please join our
Facebook SUPER group
and make a difference every day!

We need members of our church to commit to doing something on behalf of the church that will take less than 5 minutes a day, but will make a big difference in the visibility of our church to the larger community.

All you need to do, when you open up Facebook, is to first LIKE the church's Facebook page and - this is the important thing - to check our church page every day after that, clicking on "Like" for every new item you see posted.

If you would be so kind as to comment and/or share, that really boosts our visibility! Your faithful commitment is a blessing to our church.

Thank you!

Your Membership and Evangelism Committee



Coffee and Conversation discussing Presbyterian church order and procedure.

Announcements **HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

GIVING

MUSIC IS A LONG AND VALUED TRADITION HERE AT CRESCENT

Several ways you can be part of the music program here at CAPC (even if you don't sing):

We only need 8 more music stands as 12 were purchased from the Giving Tree at the Gala on June 1st!

A \$65 donation will buy a stand and get us closer to one stand for every choir member!

\$60 will purchase copies of an anthem for the choir - which will memorialize or honor a loved one. You pick the Sunday and the loved one's name will be on that anthem in the bulletin!

\$200 will allow for a special music event in the worship service - a guest artist to play or sing for us!

And that **Giving Tree** mentioned earlier? Some folks have requested we share with you some items that are still available for purchase, items like the music stands, which were bought for Crescent Concerts, but very much benefit our Crescent Avenue Music Ministry as well. Here are a few that are especially needed for the church:

Clip-On Music Lights for Yuletide and Tenebrae - \$30 each (It's hard to read music in the dark!)

20 Copies of a Yuletide Song - \$50 each (It's nice to hear some new pieces!)

A Piano Tuning - \$150 each (We have four grand pianos to take care of!)

An Organ Tuning - \$500 each (This only covers a portion of maintaining our gem!)

Are you interested in any of these? Please feel free to speak with Dr. Deborah King, (Interim director of Music) or Elder Joan Pivnichny (Chair of Worship, Music and Arts) after the service. Or you can email Dr. King at Crescent@DeborahSKing.com. Your support is greatly appreciated!

FLOWER DONATIONS.

Chancel flowers are a lovely and special Sunday morning addition to our beautiful sanctuary. Please consider choosing a week to donate flowers to commemorate a special event, in memory of loved ones or to the Glory of God. Flowers ordered through the church are \$70 and include two seasonal arrangements and delivery. You may also purchase and bring your own arrangements. We would all love to see flowers every week! Please use the flower chart on the hallway bulletin board; or use an order form (also found on the bulletin board).

Announcements
HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU?

GIVING**BINGO!**

Many seniors in our community reside in skilled nursing facilities (nursing homes.) One of their favorite recreational pastimes is playing BINGO! Our local facilities are always in need of Bingo prizes. CAPC will begin collecting small Bingo prizes to be donated. Toiletries (especially lotions), costume jewelry (new or old), small pictures, stuffed animals, etc. are suggestions, but ANYTHING that would bring a smile to our beloved senior residents (men and women) is appropriate. A "Bingo Box" will be housed in the church office. Items may be dropped off at any time. Thank you!

STARFISH FOOD COLLECTION

Matthew 25:35 "For I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food."

Starfish, our local food pantry, is in need of food items year round. Donations of non-perishable foods are greatly appreciated by our Plainfield community. Peanut butter, canned meats, pasta and sauce, rice, cereals and canned vegetables and fruits are useful items, but ANY non-perishable food donations are gladly accepted. Diapers are always needed as well. Items may be placed in the Starfish food collection bin in the church office Sundays or during the week

SERVICE**BAG LUNCHES**

We will now be providing bag lunches five days a week.

We need volunteers to pack a few boxes of lunches to distribute. Please consider helping out by stopping into the Assembly Room after worship or stopping in during the week.

Calendar Information

Did you know....?



Musical Groups at CAPC

In addition to our Sunday morning music programs, a number of local musical organizations call CAPC their home.

- The **Crescent Concert Series** under direction of Dr. Deborah King
- The **Plainfield Symphony**, under the musical direction of Charles Prince
- **The Keyes Consort**, under the direction of Tim Keyes
- **NJIO** – New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra
- **NJYS** – New Jersey Youth Symphony

Yoga Class	Every Tuesday – 9:30 AM
Narcotics Anonymous	Every Tuesday – 12 noon
Alcoholics Anonymous	Every Tuesday – 7:00 PM
IFSS*	Second Wednesday each month – 7:00 PM
HMH/JFK exercise **	Every Saturday – 9:30 to 11:00 AM
Diabetes Awareness **	Saturday 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM September 15, 2018 thru October 13, 2018

COMMUNITY
groups

* Intensive Family Support Services
(for those caring for individual with mental health issues)

** Component of “Healthy Plainfield”



Educational Groups at CAPC



Learning for Life

Mondays – 10: AM to 2:00 PM
13 week Fall & Spring Semesters

Latin American Coalition – ESL / Citizenship classes

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays –
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM (Sept – June)

CRESCENT CONNECTIONS

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church

Autumn 2018

Calendar Information

MON. SEPT. 3, 2018	LABOR DAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
SAT. SEPT. 8, 2018	12:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Choir Return Celebration	Guild Room
SUN. SEPT. 9, 2018		<i>Welcome back to the Chancel Choir</i>	
	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Coffee & Conversation	Guild Room
		<i>Welcome PTS Intern - Darcella Sessomes</i>	
	12:30 PM - 01:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting	Conf Rm 102
MON. SEPT. 10, 2018	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conf Rm 101
SUN. SEPT. 16, 2018	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<i>Commissioning Teachers</i>	In Worship
SUN. SEPT. 16, 2018	12:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Kick-Off Sunday	Assembly Room
SUNDAYS - SEPT. 23, 2018 UNTIL OCT. 28, 2018			
	09:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Adult Study-Genesis	Parlor
SUN. SEPT. 23, 2018	12:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Session Meeting	Conf Rm 101
TUE. SEPT. 25, 2018	04:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Presbytery Meeting	Off Location
SUN. SEPT. 30, 2018	12:00 PM - 03:00 PM	New Member Class	Conf Rm 101
OCT. 1, 2018 TO OCT. 31, 2018			
SAT. OCT. 6, 2018	05:00 PM - 06:30 PM	Crescent Concerts - <i>Percussion in Plainfield</i>	Sanctuary
SUN. OCT. 7, 2018		WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	
SUN. OCT. 7, 2018	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Coffee & Conversation <i>PC(USA) Representative</i>	Guild Room
OCT. 8, 2018 TO OCT. 14, 2018			
	Office Administrator	Ruth Mikalonis	Vacation
WED. OCT. 10, 2018	07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	New Member Class	Conf Rm 101
SUN. OCT. 14, 2018	12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting	Conf Rm 102
MON. OCT. 15, 2018	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conf Rm 101
FRI. OCT. 19, 2018	07:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Grown Up Game Night	Assembly Room
SUN. OCT. 21, 2018	12:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Session Meeting	Conf Rm 101
SUN. OCT. 28, 2018		REFORMATION SUNDAY	
		COMMITMENT SUNDAY	
		<i>Public Reception of New Members</i>	In Worship
SAT. NOV. 3, 2018	04:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Crescent Concerts - Choral Society <i>Haydn – Mass in Time of War</i>	Sanctuary
SUN. NOV. 4, 2018		ALL SAINT'S DAY	
		END DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	
SAT. NOV. 10, 2018	05:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Kitchen Gala	Assembly Room

CRESCENT CONNECTIONS

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church

Autumn 2018

Calendar Information

SUN. NOV. 11, 2018		VETERANS DAY	
		<i>Celebrate Veterans</i>	Sanctuary
SUN. NOV. 11, 2018	12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting	Conf Rm 102
MON. NOV. 12, 2018	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conf Rm 101
SAT. NOV. 17, 2018	07:00 PM - 09:30 PM	PSO - Concert	Assembly Room
SUN. NOV. 18, 2018		Thanksgiving Sunday	
		<i>Blessing Animals Worship</i>	In Worship
SUN. NOV. 18, 2018	12:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Session Meeting	Conf Rm 101
THU. NOV. 22, 2018 TO FRI. NOV. 23, 2018			Office Closed
THU. NOV. 22, 2018		THANKSGIVING DAY	
SUNDAYS - NOV. 25, 2018 UNTIL DEC. 16, 2018			
	09:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Adult Study=Messiah	Pastor's Office
SUN. NOV. 25, 2018		CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	
SAT. DEC. 1, 2018	01:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Living Nativity	*Various Rooms
SUN. DEC. 2, 2018		1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
TUE. DEC. 4, 2018	11:45 AM - 01:00 PM	Soup Kitchen	Assembly Room
FRI. DEC. 7, 2018	Office Administrator	Ruth Mikalonis	Vacation Day
SUN. DEC. 9, 2018		2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
SUN. DEC. 9, 2018	11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
SUN. DEC. 9, 2018	12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting	Conf Rm 102
MON. DEC. 10, 2018	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conf Rm 101
TUE. DEC. 11, 2018	04:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Presbytery Meeting	Assembly Room
SAT. DEC. 15, 2018	04:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Yuletide by candlelight	Sanctuary
SUN. DEC. 16, 2018		3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
SUN. DEC. 16, 2018	12:00 PM - 01:30 PM	Christmas Luncheon	Assembly Room
SUN. DEC. 23, 2018		4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
SUN. DEC. 23, 2018	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<i>Lessons & Carols Worship</i>	Sanctuary
MON. DEC. 24, 2018		CHRISTMAS EVE	
	10:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship	Sanctuary
TUE. DEC. 25, 2018 TO WED. JAN. 1, 2019			
	Pastor	Rev. Lynn Santulli	Vacation
TUE. DEC. 25, 2018 TO WED. DEC. 26, 2018			Office Closed
TUE. DEC. 25, 2018		CHRISTMAS DAY	
TUE. JAN. 1, 2019		NEW YEAR'S DAY	Office Closed

Calendar Information



Learn to control your DIABETES

Are you a person with Medicare who has diabetes or know someone who does?

Sign up today for a FREE 6-week workshop in your area.

*Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DSMP) workshops include six different sessions, each covering a new topic. Sign up today and remember to mark your calendars, so you are able to **attend all six sessions**.*

We regret that there can be no new attendees after Workshop #2.

Workshop Location:
Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church

Workshops will be held every Saturday
Starting September 15th-October 13th
From 11:30 am- 12:30 pm

Register by Contacting:

Christina Destro

Communications Outreach Coordinator

Direct: 732.955.8143 | Office: 732.238.5570 ext.: 2065





Calendar Information

The Plainfield Symphony

Charles Prince, Music Director

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www.plainfieldsymphony.org

October 13, 2018 at 7pm

Passion & Poetry

Highlights from Wagner's operas:

Die Walküre, Tristan und Isolde, Tannhäuser and more!

Soloists: Steven Scheschareg, Adam Herskowitz, Othalie Graham



November 17, 2018 at 7pm

The Gershwin Songbook

The music of George Gershwin by Broadway performers

Ron Raines and Alexandra Silber

Piano Soloist: Richard Glazier



January 26, 2019 at 3pm

Our Annual Free Family Concert

TBA

Snow Date: February 2, 2019

March 9, 2019 at 7pm

The Brilliant B's

Beethoven: *String Quartet*

Op. 135 arranged for string orchestra

Brahms: *Symphony No. 3*



April 27, 2019 at 7pm

The Mystery of Alexander Scriabin

Scriabin: *Symphony No. 5,*

"Prometheus: The Poem of Fire" Op. 60

Mozart: *Piano Concerto in D Minor, K. 466*

Guest Soloist: Robert Taub



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Calendar Information

Our 37th Season!
Crescent & Concerts

2018 - 2019 Season

Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Percussion in Plainfield! with Greg Giannascoli

Percussion workshop at 2:00 pm, Concert at 5:00 pm, details TBA

Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Haydn - Mass in Time of War

Crescent Choral Society with the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra

Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Yuletide by Candlelight

The *Crescent Singers'* annual musical gift to the community

Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Showcase for Exceptional Young Artists

Young musicians ages 18 and under, chosen by competitive audition

Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 3:00 pm

Pipe Dreams!

Our annual Festival of Organists

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Jubilate!

Crescent Choral Society with Solid Brass

Friday, May 31, 2019 6:00 pm

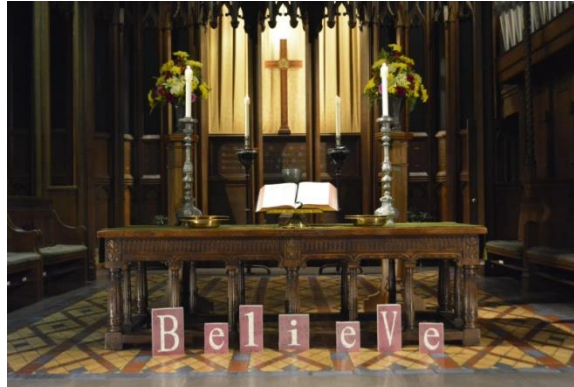
Crescent Concerts Gala!

General Admission \$25, Seniors \$20, Students \$10

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
Watchung Avenue at East Seventh St. Plainfield, NJ 07060
908-756-2468 **CrescentConcerts.org**



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**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

Adult 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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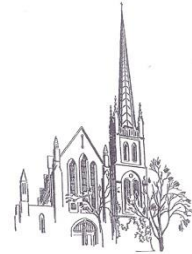
Reverend Lynn Santulli pastor@crescentonline.org



2018 Leadership

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church

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2018 Leadership

Class of 2018

Pat Baker
Glen Crane
Janice Haer
Janna Peterson

Clerk of Session:

Emily Upton

Buildings & Grounds:

Nick Stevens

Finance & Stewardship:

Kathy Mann

Membership & Evangelism:

BJ Snyder

Mission & Outreach:

Pat Fleming,,Leslie Fagan

Nominating:

Janice Haer

Christian Education & Nurture:

Janice Haer, Pat Baker

Personnel & Administration:

Joan Pivnichny, Pat Baker

Worship, Music & Arts:

Joan Pivnichny

ELDERS

Class of 2019

Pat Fleming
Laura Mann
Nicholas Stevens
Henry Ward

Janet Ramsey, Ella Sawyer, Henry Ward.

Julie Downing, Laura Mann, Gary Mann, Joan Pivnichny, Nick Stevens.

Julie Downing, Janice Haer, Gerry Harvey, Andre McIntyre, Deidra McIntyre, Edwin Opoku, Janna Peterson, Laura Villanueva,

Sam Diony, Noelle Perrine, BJ Snyder, Thylene Torres

Drude Crane, Laura Mann, Dominique Stevens

Jacque Archer-Kennedy, Stephanie DeGeneste , Betsy Herman,

Chrystal McArthur, Deidra McIntyre, Sally Nkellefack.

Glen Crane, Nick Stevens

Drude Crane, Jeff Downing, Henry Manu, Jacque Archer-Kennedy

Class of 2020

Leslie Fagan
Kathy Mann
BJ Snyder
Joan Van Pelt-Pivnichny

Class of 2018

Julie Downing (Co-Moderator)
Henry Manu
Deidra McIntyre (Secretary)
Dominique Stevens (Co-Moderator)

DEACONS

Class of 2019

Samuel Diony
Justine Fofie
Sally Nkellefack
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