

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR

You Are Invited

WHEN: Sunday, June 9, 2024
Following 10:00 am worship

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

LED BY: The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley,
Ministry Relations Officer,
Presbyterian Foundation

We Will Discuss:

- How to discern your own legacy.
- How to share that message with the church and those you love.
- How to make a planned gift to continue your ministry here

You will find a 2-minute video on our Church website

TODAY'S FLOWERS

**The flowers this Sunday morning are given by Ed Stauffer
in memory of his wife Sandy who passed away 6 years ago today**

You may sign up for one or more Sundays during the calendar year to provide flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, and beautify our worship space. Flowers may be delivered on Friday before 2 p.m., or you may bring them to worship with you on Sunday. The flower calendar is located on the door to the office. Cindy will call or email you a week before your desired date as a reminder. If you have questions, please contact Cindy in the church office

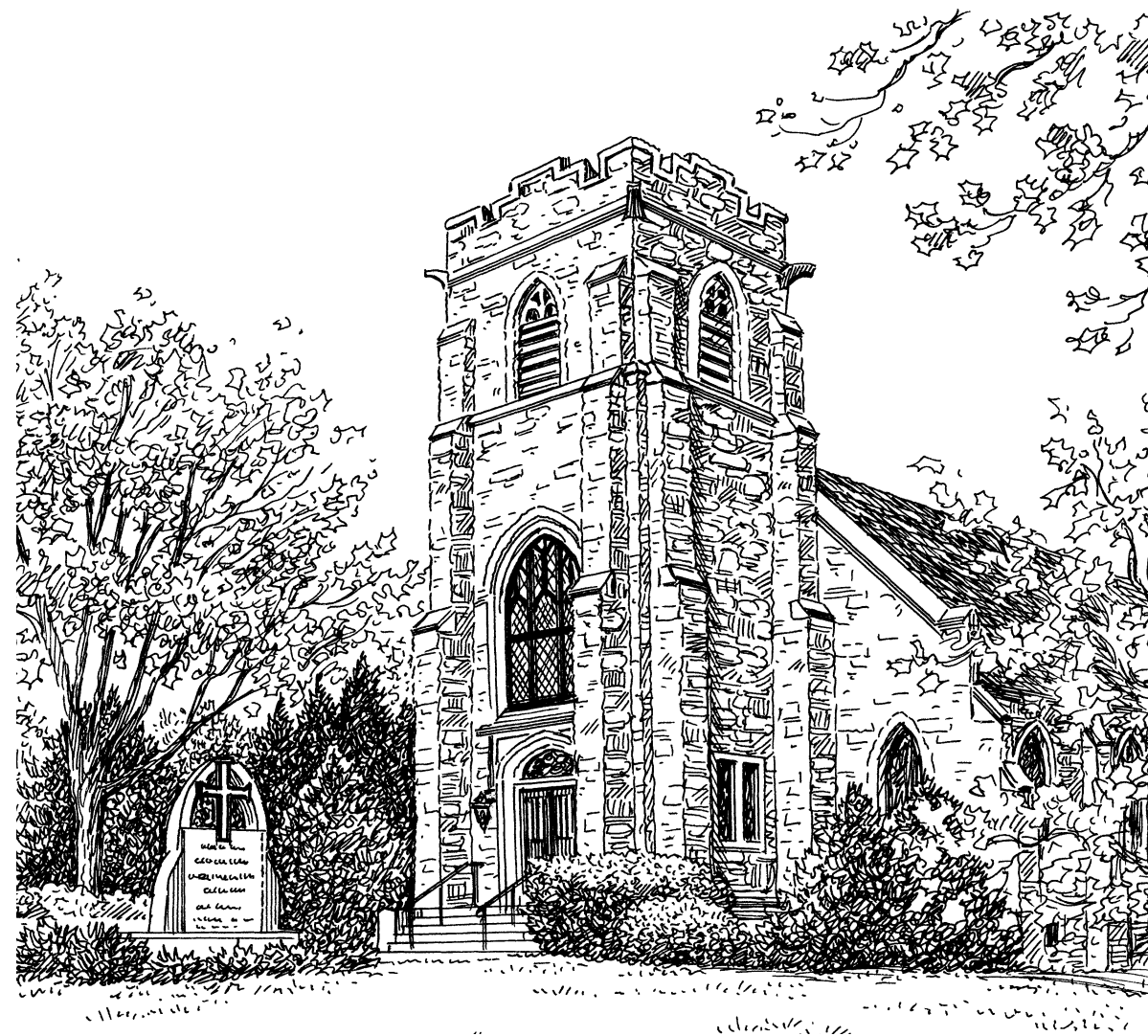
CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Susan Rothenberg, Transitional Pastor (412-585-1219 or cpcbapastor@gmail.com)
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Bringing Christ to our community

Bringing our community to Christ



May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

10:30AM

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

AS WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Each Sunday, our acolytes pour water into the baptismal font to reaffirm the covenant that God makes through this community of faith, and light the Christ Candle to symbolize Christ's presence in us and among us as we worship together. If your child would like to serve as an acolyte, let Pastor Susan or Cassie know.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jean H. Henderson

PRELUDE "Chorale Prelude on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS" ("Come, Creator Spirit")

by Ann Slowins (b.1932) Tim Heavner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come this morning remembering that because of the death and resurrection of Jesus our lives are given meaning and purpose.

Blow, Wind of Change, through our lives and through this church.

Create a new disposition to welcome and to hear, to embrace and to heal.

Blaze, Fire of Passion; burn up our complacent attitudes and propel us toward the future empowered by the Holy Spirit. Let us worship God!

*HYMN #285 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

WE EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gather us in, Lord, our needy hearts, our hungry spirits, our sinful selves, and challenge us to be honest in our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, as your Spirit hovered over creation as fresh wind and new breath, so let your Spirit blow over us today with the breath of life.

Take away what we might have created: the chaos of our lives, the tiredness of our souls; the depression of our spirits.

May your Spirit move us to proclaim our faith in word and deed. Amen.

Silence is kept for personal prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Jesus promised us a Comforter would come – the Holy Spirit – who washes away our sins – who heals our wounded spirits – who directs our wandering feet. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be the God!

RESPONSE HYMN #288 "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Cassie Semler

WE SHARE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

O God of wisdom, you delight in deep truth.

Let these words of scripture teach our hearts,

that we may hear your joy and gladness,

for the sake of Christ, your wisdom for us. Amen.

Mary Witul

FIRST READING

John 14:15-17

Mary Witul

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "If Ye Love Me" by Thomas Tallis (c.1505 - 1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter. that He may abide with you forever, e'en the sprit of truth. [John 14:15-17]

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-4

Rev. Dr. Jean H. Henderson

SERMON

"All Fired Up!"

SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN #693 "Though I May Speak"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory "Meditation on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS" by John Barr (b.1938) Tim Heavner

*Doxology Hymn #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Rev. Dr. Jean H. Henderson

Generous God, in gratitude for all the gifts of your Spirit, we bring our gifts.

May they bring comfort to a hurting world, truth to a confused world, and hope to a depressed world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jean H. Henderson

POSTLUDE "Fantasia super KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT"

("Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God"), BWV 651

by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Tim Heavner

**Please stand in Body or Spirit as able*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Session has called a congregational meeting **today** following Worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect Church officers.

Please plan to stay for this important event in the life of our church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC!

Sunday, June 2 following Outdoor Worship Service

To prepare for the picnic, please:



- ~ Sign up via Genius or in the Narthex, or phone the church office with your name and number of guests.
- ~ List side dish/salad/appetizer (last name A-O) or dessert (last name P-Z) you are planning to share.
- ~ Chicken will be provided by Deacons.

Rain or Shine

Please join us for fun and fellowship as we kick off the Summer

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

At our church picnic on **June 2**, we want to celebrate our CPCBA 2024 graduates. Please let us know if you have any family members who will be graduating this year, whether it's from graduate school, college, tech school, high school, middle school, elementary school or kindergarten! Please send the graduate's name, email address, and what degree/grade they are completing to: Cassie Semler (cassie@cpcba.org).

"ONE SUNDAY MORNING THE WARM SUN CAME UP AND – POP! – OUT OF THE EGG CAME A TINY AND VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR."

Eric Carle, The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Our church has 25 caterpillars growing as a Sunday School lesson for the kiddos! They will be living on the main level, for everyone to be able to see and check in on our church "pets." They will be raised alongside a joint project between the Church Gardening Group and Kids Club - a pollinator garden! The garden has been planted, and will be dedicated at the church picnic. Check the e-blast for more information!

PRAY-GROUND

Back in the fall, a Pray-ground was created in the back of the sanctuary. It has been a great addition for our growing body of children in worship. Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! Children learn to love liturgy by seeing it, by being around it. The Pray-ground at the back of the sanctuary is a space where they can play quietly, worship, and participate in the Sunday Eucharist as they are able. They can see everything, and get a quiet explanation for what is going on. It has coloring items, reading material, fidgets, and soft toys for children of all ages. There adults are asked to stay with or near them to monitor activities. Please reach out to Cassie or Pastor Susan if you have any questions or comments!

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon. For more information about our active family of faith you may visit us on our website at www.cpcba.org. You may also call 412-761-1233 or email the church at office@cpcba.org. The church office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Children and Families Welcome to caregivers of children! There are crayons, books, and children's bulletins, and fidget helpers in our PRAY-GROUND in the back of the sanctuary. If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, there is a NURSERY (ages infant-3) provided downstairs. SUNDAY SCHOOL (ages 4-grade 5) will take place after Time with the Children during worship, except for the first Sunday of the month, where children of all ages are invited to stay in worship for the Sacrament of Communion. There will be no Sunday School that first Sunday.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the Ushers.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? If you are having trouble hearing the worship service, hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher and they will be glad to assist.

REV. SUSAN ROTHENBERG is our Transitional Pastor (leading worship, preaching, and offering pastoral care). You can reach her at 412-585-1219 or email at cpcbapastor@gmail.com. Susan is in the office on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, as well as by appointment.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 AM Deacon Meeting
- 10:30 AM Worship and Sunday School, Sanctuary—Jean Henderson preaching
- 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting following Worship
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time in Narthex
- 12:00 PM Faith Formation Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**
- 9:30 and 1:00 Wooden Ladder Graduation at Emsworth Park
- 10:00 AM Prayer & Bible Study Group, Conference Room and on Zoom
Romans 8:12-17 and John 3:1-17

THURSDAY, MAY 23

- 9:30 and 1:00 Wooden Ladder Graduation at CPCBA
- 11:00 AM Learning Circle in Narthex

NEXT LORD'S DAY, MAY 26

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship and Sunday School, Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM Children's Choir, Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time in Narthex
- 5:00 PM Kid's Club

Pastor Susan will be traveling May 18-25. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, please contact Rev. Sarah Robbins at 412-715-3207 or sarahrobbins1025@gmail.com, or Rev. Dr. Jean Henderson at 412-352-8001 or jhhh21942@aol.com. Susan will return to the pulpit on May 26.

COMMUNITY CHURCH MEAL MINISTRY THROUGH THE CHURCH DEACONS-

Community Church's Meal Ministry strives to help ease daily burdens of families and individuals within our church community. Reasons a family or individual may receive meals include birth of a child, death in the family, emergencies, hospitalizations, serious injuries/illnesses, or other hardships. Although the meal ministry is part of the church deacons' mission to connect our church and community, anyone who has a desire to serve one another in love can provide this ministry. Meals do not have to be fancy or gourmet. In times of need, a friendly face and a delivered meal are true gifts. Help us fulfill our mission to bring Christ to the community. If you are in need, know of a member of our community in need or would like to volunteer to be on the Meal Ministry, please contact the church office or Meal Ministry Coordinator Susan Houser at gandycat@comcast.net or 412-576-2025

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:13

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Saturday, June 22nd, from 10 am to 12 noon**, there's an exciting volunteer opportunity for individuals aged 10 and above. Join us as we head to Global Links in Greentree to help sort and pack medical supplies for underserved communities both locally and worldwide. Stay tuned for more information! Space is limited to 20 participants.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

There are friendship registers at the end of each pew. No matter whether you are a long time member or a brand new visitor, please sign the register every week and pass it to your neighbor. This allows us to greet one another by name and get to know old and new friends who are with us in worship.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO CONNECT?

Prayerfully consider joining one of our many groups!

Wednesdays, 7pm, Zoom Learning Circle (Contact Jean—jhhh21942@aol.com)

Thursdays, 11am, In Church Learning Circle (Contact Cassie)

Weekly Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:00am

Kids Club, First and Third Sunday of the Month 5:00 to 7:00pm

Youth Group, monthly schedule will be posted (Contact Cassie)

Sunday School and/or Nursery volunteer, see Cassie Semler or email cassie@cpcba.org

PRIDE MARCH ON JUNE 1ST!

Our congregation is a proud participant in LAMP – LGBTQIA+ Affirming Ministries of Pittsburgh. We are excited to again celebrate Pride in Pittsburgh this summer! Our church will be marching alongside other churches in LAMP at Pittsburgh Pride on **June 1st**.

Sign-up and meet-up information is available on our website. All are welcome (and we mean all!)

Come out and celebrate while we share God's love with all God's people!

"I WONDER..." VBS COMING THIS SUMMER!

Kids are naturally curious, and full of big wonders. That's why we're going to engage kids' imaginations this year to help them grow closer to God! Kids will not only get curious about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics - but also about the God who created it all!

Vacation Bible School will run **July 15 - July 19, from 5PM - 7:30PM**. Dinner will be provided!

VBS is free this year! Any and all donations are much appreciated.

NEW TO VBS THIS YEAR!

This year we will be adding an adult portion to VBS! Curious about what the littles in your life are learning about? Need some adult interaction or faith formation? The last 30 minutes of the program are just for you! Child care will be provided, and **you can feel free to join us from 7-7:30PM for Adult VBS**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WOODEN LADDER GRADS

This Wednesday and Thursday, our preschool children will be holding their preschool graduation ceremonies at 9:30 and 1:00. Let's congratulate our little church friends on a job well done. Way to go, kiddos!

PRAYER LIST

If you feel called to pray for the particular needs of members and friends of CPCBA, or would like to request prayer, please email Linda Williams (LBWLORTZ@aol.com). A list of prayer requests is circulated every Friday via email only to those who have asked to be on the list, and are committed to praying for those in need. You may also fill out a prayer request card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. Those requests are given to the pastor.