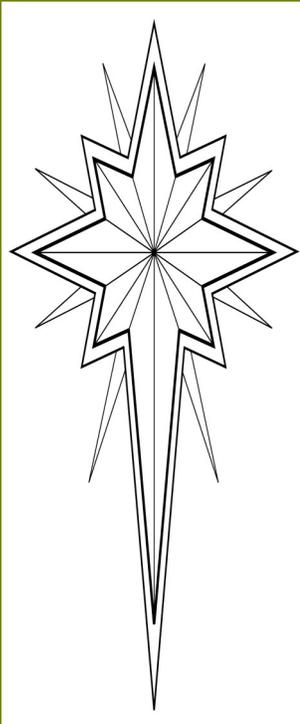




# The Belltower

The Newsletter of the Clover Hill Reformed Church

## Worship



**Sunday, February 3, at 10:00 am**  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Communion  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Sunday, February 10, at 10:00 am**  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Sunday, February 17, at 10:00 am**  
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**Sunday, February 24, at 10:00 am**  
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

### Communication and Contact Information

**Clover Hill Reformed Church** / 890 Amwell Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 / 908-369-8451 / chrc1834@gmail.com

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday-9:00 am - 2:30 pm / **Website:** [www.cloverhillchurch.org](http://www.cloverhillchurch.org) / **Like Us On Facebook**

**Giving Card**—More and more people are giving their gifts to churches with recurring payments mailed from their bank or with monthly donations. Whether they set up recurring payments or pledge gifts monthly, they support the church in the same way as those who give each week in person. Please use a Giving Card to participate in this act of worship. We invite those who have already given their gifts to the church to place a card in the offering plate at the designated time.

Hard copies of each month's newsletter (Belltower) are available on the Narthex Fellowship Team Bulletin Board

Dear Clover Hill Family,

Do we matter? Sometimes, we fear we don't. In Luke 12, Jesus says, "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God." One penny would buy two sparrows. Two pennies, however, would buy five. The seller threw in the fifth for free.

Society has its share of fifth sparrows: indistinct souls who feel dispensable, disposable, worth little. The fear of not mattering is a legitimate one, and one that often hinders us from reaching our full potential as individuals and church members. Why does God love you so much? You are his idea, and God has only good ideas. Ephesians 2:10 assures us, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

So, I say to unto us all, as members and friends of Clover Hill Reformed Church, that we matter a great deal. Our contributions of time, treasures, and talents can make a huge impact on our church family and our community. As people who are committed to the work of Christ, we will be continually blessed and never forgotten before God.

I want to encourage each of you to dig into your ministry at Clover Hill. Are you an Elder/Deacon? Are you a part of the cleaning/gardening angels? Do you sing in the choir? The list of needs is endless, but each of us has something we can do. If you don't participate in one of our various ministries, consider rolling up your sleeves and getting involved. If you already do, pray for and seek new ways to improve your involvement/attitude. Each of us makes a difference, each of us matters. Not one of us is forgotten.

Warmly,  
James Sparks  
Minister of Music

## Message from the Pastoral Search Committee

### Search Team Update

The Search Team held it's first meeting on January 10th. The meeting started with a devotional by our classis supervisor, Bill Borrer, from Acts 1 about what he called the 'first' Search Team.

Bill then covered the steps that the RCA recommends be followed in the search for a pastor. In particular he covered the Church Profile Form. The completion of this form is our first task.

We then spent some time discussing the questions in the Church Profile Form and how we might answer them.

The Team continued this work at their January 28th meeting.

One of the items that was discussed was that we will be searching for a part-time pastor. A full-time pastor is considered 50-60 hours a week.

The Stewardship Team is working to define exactly what part-time means and how that will be articulated to potential candidates.

Please hold us in your prayers as we work to discern God's will.

*"Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:6 (NLT)*

Search Team:

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# News from the Fellowship Team

Consistory Facilitator: Peggy Sielski (psielski@its.jnj.com)



**We need your help ... we need your ideas ... come join the team and get involved!**  
Please join us at any of our fellowship meetings (dates and time to be announced).  
**Bring your ideas and a friend!**

## **Our "Coffee Hour" in February will be hosted by the Stewardship Team. Budget Breakfast—February 10th!**

Join us after worship in the Nevius Fellowship Hall as the Stewardship Team presents the results from 2018 and the budget for 2019.

WOULD YOU, your family or group like to host "Coffee Hour"?

The Fellowship Team sponsors a monthly coffee hour immediately following worship. Would you and your crew like to provide and set up a table of refreshments and beverages?

It's easy and it's fun!

If so, contact the Fellowship Team to make the arrangements.

Team coordinator:

Peggy Sielski (psielski@its.jnj.com)



## **Church Family Brunch**

On Sunday, March 3, 2019 we will be having a Sunday Brunch right after worship. It will be pot luck in the Nevius Fellowship Hall.

Some suggestions for items (but not limited to) include: Quiche, Strata, breakfast casserole, bagels, muffins, donuts, danish, cheese, rolls and sliced meat.

Please sign-up in the Narthex on the Fellowship Team bulletin board or e-mail greinhardt9@gmail.com by March 1. We want to have the brunch set appropriately for the number participating.

Thank you.

Diana Reinhardt 908-369-4362

# News from the Service Team

Team Coordinator: Nancy Klima (nancy.klima@churchdwight.com)

## Our mission

“Working together to make sure those who need help receive it.”

*Matthew 25:34-40*

*The function of this team is to ensure that those who need help receive it, showing them God’s love and provision in tangible ways through the hands and feet of the church. This may include providing meals to congregants in need of aid and relief or organizing service activities in the community to address an expressed need.*

Last year’s participants continuing with the team:  
Jim Agnew, Consistory Member; Patty Agnew,  
Ginny DiMilia, Greg Hedden, Consistory Member;  
Roxana Jordan, Consistory Member;  
Nancy Klima, Coordinator; Barb Sarzillo

**Spring boarding off of last year’s work we are excited for what this year will unfold to us and if you are interested in mission work we welcome all to join this wonderful team of “service.”**

Please contact Nancy Klima (coordinator) or speak to any one listed above.

# February Feel the Love "Food Pantry" Month



The shelves at our **Flemington and Hillsborough food pantries** are bare, please help us restock them this month. We will be handing out bags as you leave worship and ask that you fill them and bring back the following week. Please look at the Service Team bulletin board for specific items.

**Our next scheduled Service Team meetings are Mondays, February 4th and March 4th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Upper Room.**

**And let’s not forget to keep filling our Penny Jar**



**for SHIP !**

# News from the Spiritual Growth Team

Consistory Facilitator: Ken Skillman (kskillman42@comcast.net / 908 359 4907)

All of the aspects of worship and Christian education fall within the purview of the Spiritual Growth Team. Over the past year, team members have been involved with Bible study, book swap, adult education, Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation and our new NSWE. New team members are always welcome. Anyone interested in becoming involved in any of these areas of our church life should contact Ken Skillman at [kskillman42@comcast.net](mailto:kskillman42@comcast.net).



## Adult Bible Study

The study group meets a couple Thursdays a month in the church office at 7:00 pm. It is a non-stress attendance – as your schedule allows.

An email is sent out to those participating (those who physically attend & who study on their own) that includes the material for the session that week.

During the month of February our meeting dates will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thursday, February 7, will be our “wrap up” of our study of the book of Luke and we encourage all, who participated in the study or would like to hear about the book of Luke and get a feel for our group, to participate.

The study group has enthusiastically decided to continue our studies of the books in the Bible. Our next experience will be with the book of Romans.

If you have been wanting to join the Bible Study but did not want to jump in in the middle of the process – here is a great opportunity, as we will begin our first session on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 pm in the church office.

For further information please contact Lynn– Totten ([barralyn@gmail.com](mailto:barralyn@gmail.com)).

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Wednesday Morning Prayer

Between the hours of 8 and 11 Wednesday mornings, take a moment or so, as you can, and pray for all of those who are called by God to be connected to Clover Hill. The email prayer list will go out on Tuesday mornings. To get on that list, just email the church office ([chrc1834@gmail.com](mailto:chrc1834@gmail.com)). Please let the church office know at any time when you'd like to add a name to the list. Also, let the office know if a hospital or home visit would be welcomed. Remember that we “refresh” our Prayer List on a monthly basis, so please let the church office know if you want prayers to continue for someone on the list.

The next refresh will be Tuesday, February 26.

## Greeters

Dear Clover Hill Church Family,

There are 52 weeks in a year and almost 80 families that are part of our church family. If every family could commit to ONE Sunday a year to be greeters (a 15 minute time commitment), we would more than cover each week. Also, you wouldn't get my occasional annoying phone calls! No more putting you on the spot! You call the shots! You get to call me!

Greeting is fun; it is simple; it only requires a hello and a smile. It is also a great way for people to connect names and faces.

So, please...consult your calendar, pick a few dates, and give me a call (908-704-0488) or email me ([uncannie09@gmail.com](mailto:uncannie09@gmail.com)). I would love to pencil you in for a greeting date in 2019. Thank you, Ann Cucchiara

2/3 - Carol and Steve Wozniak

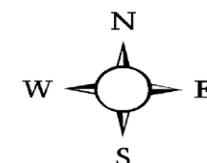
2/10 - Jon and Marilyn Fineman

2/17 - Diana and Gene Reinhardt

2/24 - The du Fosse! Family

## NSWE

### -NOT School Wednesdays for Everyone-



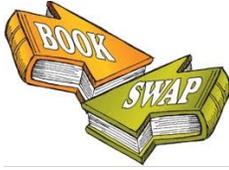
Our weeknight program, NSWE, is a new direction for us and a way of providing direction for living to some of our youngest members by offering the “Sunday School” curriculum on a weeknight. The sessions have been casual, fun and enriching. The program is geared toward those in K-7th grade, but all are welcome. Please drop in for a single session, a sports season or the balance of the school year—whatever may fit into the family calendar. Our February sessions are February 13 and 27 at 6 pm. Please RSVP as food is provided and let us know about any allergies. Amy Frank ([frankfmly@yahoo.com](mailto:frankfmly@yahoo.com))



Nursery care will be available during worship for children too young to participate in Sunday School (those under three years of age.)

Please direct questions or offers of assistance to Diana Reinhardt at [greinhardt9@gmail.com](mailto:greinhardt9@gmail.com).

# News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued ...



## Come 'Swap' With Us!

March 31, 2019 will be our next 'Book Swap' following worship in the Nevius Fellowship Hall. Bring a book you are reading or just listen to what others say about what they've read.

We generally read books off the list that can be found in the church library (Come 'Swap' With Us! Book List – list is also available on our website, [www.cloverhillchurch.org](http://www.cloverhillchurch.org)), however, you are welcome to share any book on the list, in the church library or even one you've found elsewhere that would be good for a CHRC book swap. Make sure you check out some of the books that we recently read. There are write ups in the January Belltower of several books we discussed at our first meeting, and Marilyn's write up on Martin Luther King's Letters from a Birmingham Jail is in this issue.

So don't be shy; drop on by! March 31 after worship. Good chance there will be snacks, too!

Questions? Contact Marilyn Fineman at [m2fineman@gmail.com](mailto:m2fineman@gmail.com) or 908 788-0664

Submission by Marilyn Fineman -

Letter from the Birmingham Jail, by Martin Luther King, Jr.

This short book was written while Martin Luther King, Jr. was serving a sentence for participating in a civil rights demonstration. While King's thoughts centered around the fight for racial equality in the turbulent 60s, the call for social justice applies to any situation where people are oppressed.

Some great quotes from the book include:

- Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere
- History is the long and tragic story of the fact that privileged groups seldom give up their privilege voluntarily.
- oppressed people cannot remain oppressed forever.
- Any law that degrades human personality is unjust. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. An unjust law is a code that a majority inflicts on a minority that is not binding on itself.

While this book could be read in an evening, give yourself time to reflect on its message, as applicable to today, as it was in the 60s, and throughout history.

## Attention Clover Hill Youth:

Youth Group Social/Mixer February 24, to be held at  
South Branch Reformed Church.

The Raritan Headwaters River Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 13.  
Those who participated last year will attest that this was a very rewarding activity.

Please mark your calendars. Details to follow.

### Meet our Clover Hill Reformed Church Consistory Members:

Back row— Roxana Jordan (Elder),  
Greg Hedden (Elder), Luke Herman (Deacon),  
Jim Agnew (Deacon), Nancy Lane (Elder)

Front row—Karen Babecki (Deacon),  
Gene Reinhardt (Deacon), Ken Skillman  
(Elder), Peggy Sielski (Deacon)

Not pictured—Amy Frank (Elder)

*Picture taken at Consistory Dinner January 13.*



# News from the Stewardship Team

Consistory Facilitators: Karen Babecki (kbabecki@comcast.net) & Gene Reinhardt (greinhardt9@gmail.com) & Luke Herman (j.lucas.herman@gmail.com)

## About the Stewardship Team:

The function of this team is to both work behind the scenes in managing the church's assets as well as encourage and educate the congregation about their role as partners in the church's ministry. Some of the duties of this team include: ongoing maintenance of existing church property, the formation and management of an annual budget, issues of payroll and personnel evaluation, and communicating with the congregation and consistory on the financial status throughout the year. The team meets an average of once every six weeks. Current Consistory facilitators are Gene Reinhardt, Karen Babecki, and Luke Herman. Other current members are Lynn– Totten, George and Judy Conard, Jim Quick, Mark and Carol Levitt, and Steve Lyons.

## Snow



Who likes to be outside and play in the snow? If you are interested, we could use a few good men and women to help with clearing our sidewalk and front porch in the event of a snow storm. As in years past, our snow angels have helped keep the church building accessible. We even have a snow blower that can be used! Please contact Karen Babecki if you are interested in helping out once in a while (kbabecki@comcast.net). Hot chocolate provided!



## Budget Breakfast—February 10th!

Join us after church as the Stewardship Team presents the results from 2018 and the budget for 2019.



## Property

Our Property Brothers and Sisters have put together a work list—progress has been made, but help with the list is still needed. The list is posted on the Stewardship bulletin board and anyone interested in helping out can contact Gene Reinhardt (greinhardt@gmail.com).

**Next Stewardship Team Meeting**  
January 30, 2019, at 7:00 pm,  
In the church office.

## CLEANING ANGELS

Want something  
invigorating  
to do while  
sharing  
warmth of  
fellowship?



Join the Cleaning Angels  
on Tuesday, February 12,  
at 8:00 am.

Contact Yvette du Fossé  
(908-782-8118)

## Cash Financial Snapshot

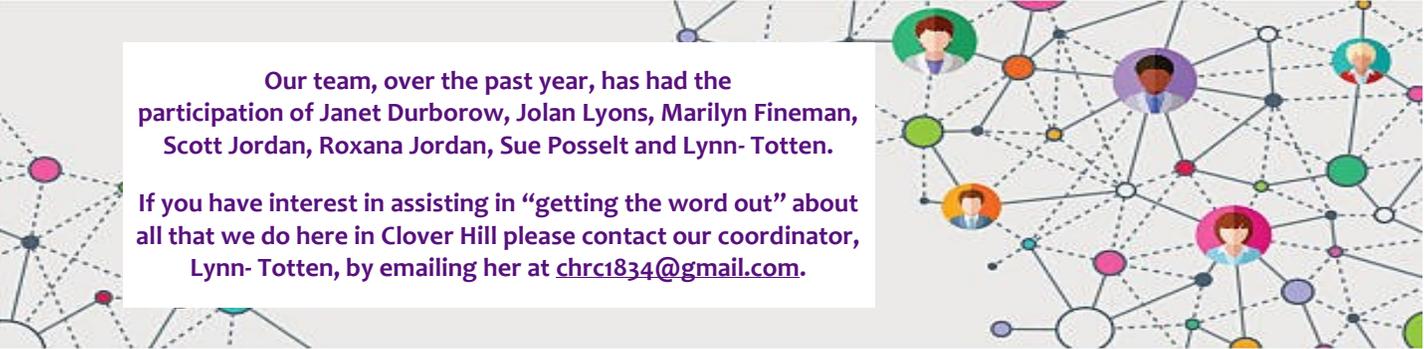
Income Year to Date	1/23/2019	\$13,580.90
Expense Year to Date	1/23/2019	\$9,345.94
<b>Balance to Date</b>		<b>\$4,234.96</b>
<b>Current TD Checking Balance</b>	1/23/2019	\$44,079.01
Accessibility		\$5,089.63
Building		\$8,937.21
Castellano Scholarship		\$1,805.00
Deacon Fund		\$150.00
Interest Income		\$391.11
Kris Kanach Library		\$581.52
Mary Nevius Music		\$3,492.48
Memorial		\$18,707.11
<b>Bofi Bank Restricted Funds Balance</b>	opened 4/30/15	<b>\$36,011.99</b>
<b>Youth Group Account (TD Bank)</b>		<b>\$1,219.61</b>

# Communication Team

Team Coordinator: Lynn- Totten (chrc1834@gmail.com)



The team's mission is to promote effective communication within Clover Hill Reformed Church and with our community. Using a variety of communication tools, we will engage the congregation and community to inspire and invite participation in worship, Teams (Fellowship, Service, Spiritual Growth, Stewardship) and other ministries of the church.



Our team, over the past year, has had the participation of Janet Durborow, Jolan Lyons, Marilyn Fineman, Scott Jordan, Roxana Jordan, Sue Posselt and Lynn- Totten.

If you have interest in assisting in “getting the word out” about all that we do here in Clover Hill please contact our coordinator, Lynn- Totten, by emailing her at [chrc1834@gmail.com](mailto:chrc1834@gmail.com).



Check out our new website ([cloverhillchurch.org](http://cloverhillchurch.org))  
Friend us on Facebook  
Follow us on Instagram



## Other Church Information

### February

#### Board of Deacons

03—Gene Reinhardt  
10—Peggy Sielski  
17—Jim Agnew  
24—Karen Babecki

#### Board of Elders

Amy Frank  
Ken Skillman  
Greg Hedden  
Nancy Lane

### Belltower Deadline

All write ups to be included in the March issue need to be submitted to the church office ([chrc1834@gmail.com](mailto:chrc1834@gmail.com)) by Thursday, February 21.

**Consistory** The Consistory will meet on Monday, February 11, at 7:00 pm.

#### Community Groups Using our facilities:

Mondays: The Church of the Living God—6:30 pm Nevius Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays: ACA Fellowship Group—6:00 pm Nevius Fellowship Hall

10:00 am (2/19) Classis Executive Committee Meeting in Nevius Fellowship Hall

Thursdays: The Church of the Living God—6:00 pm Nevius Fellowship Hall

Saturdays: Alcoholics Anonymous Group—8:00 pm Nevius Fellowship Hall

# FEBRUARY 2019

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What is your possibility . . .  
Your potentiality . . .  
In what God wants you to be . . .

## I Am A Promise

I am a promise, I am a possibility,  
I am a promise with a capital "P".  
I am a great big bundle of potentiality.  
And I am learnin' to hear God's voice,  
And I am tryin' to make the right choice,  
I'm a promise to be  
Anything God wants me to be.

I can go anywhere that He wants me to go,  
I can be anything that He wants me to be.  
I can climb the high mountain,  
I can cross the wide sea,  
I'm a great big promise you see.

I am a promise, I am a possibility,  
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And I am learnin' to hear God's voice,  
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Oh yeah!