



The Belltower

The Newsletter of the Clover Hill Reformed Church

Worship

Sunday, October 6, at 10:00 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Wide Communion

Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 13, at 10:00 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 17:11-19

Family Promise / Coffee Hour / Flu Shots

Sunday, October 20, 10:00 am

Reaffirmation Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 27, at 10:00 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 18:9-14

World Wide Communion Sunday October 6, 2019

Historically the first Sunday in October is the time when we are most aware of the wideness of God's Kingdom as we recognize that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being celebrated, on this day, in cathedrals, chapels and huts, in a variety of languages and liturgies – a singular tribute to the one-ness of the church which is both the gift and the will of God.

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

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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,

There's a story about three people all stranded on a desert island in the middle of the South Pacific. Two of them are lighting fires, waving flags, and drawing big signs in the sand, desperately hoping to be rescued. The other one, meanwhile, does nothing. The others, clearly annoyed, say: "Why aren't you helping us? Don't you want to be rescued?" The calm one replies: "Not to worry. I am a member of an American Protestant Church. It's stewardship season. The Stewardship Committee will find me."

Stewardship season can be an awkward time of the year. Talking about money is often stressful and difficult. But stewardship season also presents an invitation. We're invited to look at what God has given us, to consider the needs of our community of faith and those outside of it in need, and to respond with joy and gratitude.

There's only one stewardship appeal in the New Testament. It's found in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Paul is collecting money from the Gentile churches around the Mediterranean to help meet the needs of the largely Jewish church in Jerusalem. Gentiles might not normally be motivated by the burdens of Jews, but in Christ that all changed, as the Apostle Paul reminded the church at Galatia: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:28)

Paul's stewardship appeal is simple. He asks the Corinthians to look to Christ and what he did for them: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." (2 Cor 3:8) The reason we give is that Jesus gave himself for us that we might have abundant life. There's nothing we can do to repay God for this extravagant gift. We can only be grateful for such amazing grace.

From Rev. Scott Jones
Clover Hill Reformed Church Worship Leader

Update from the Pastoral Search Team From: Gene Reinhardt

The Search Team has continued to meet to evaluate pastor profiles and resumes. We have listened to candidates preach at other churches. Please hold us in your prayers as we seek to discern who God is leading us to.

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

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Message from the
Pastoral Search Team

News from the Fellowship Team



Pig Roast Saturday, November 2, 2019

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm

Rain or Shine

Dine In, Take Out, or Walk-In

You can purchase tickets by contacting
the church office (908-369-8451) or
Diana Reinhardt (908-369-4362)

Adults \$15.00

Children ages 5-12 \$7.00

Under 5 FREE!

ENJOY Freshly prepared barbecued pulled pork and rolls, all-homemade side dishes (*baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, and salads*), with dessert and beverages

FALL Will soon be in the air and that means the time is almost here for our annual barbecued pig roast “fun-raiser!” Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends and family! This is a wonderful way to share some good times together as we **support our Church Building Fund & “For the Doors” Fund!**

TICKETS Whether you plan to dine in or take your dinner out, please purchase tickets ahead of the event. You may buy tickets in the Narthex after Sunday worship or you may contact the church office at 908-369-8451 / chr1834@gmail.com or Diana Reinhardt 908-369-4362. Walk-ins will be welcome, but only on a seats available basis while food remains.

CONTRIBUTE So many helping hands are needed to make this event a resounding success. Sign up to bring side dishes or desserts on the Narthex bulletin board.

We need donations of:

9x13 tray or crock pot of baked beans - (already cooked)
9x13 tray of macaroni and cheese (already cooked)
homemade coleslaw
homemade applesauce
homemade green salad
homemade sheet cakes (chocolate, vanilla or Carrot) – dessert table
bake sale table goodies

SUPPORT Our event by helping to purchase part of the pig! Locate the pig-shaped board in the Narthex, remove the tag for the part you wish to donate, and place the tag and the payment in one of the envelopes provided. You may place the envelope in a Sunday service collection plate or on the desk in the church office.

VOLUNTEER If you can spare some time to help, sign up on the Narthex bulletin board or online @ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044ca8a823a4f58-clover> Questions? Please contact Janet Durborow, Coordinator, at jdurbor@its.jnj.com or Karen Babecki at kbabecki@comcast.net.

News from the Fellowship Team, continued . . .



BAKE SALE



EXPRESS Your culinary creativity! Contribute a homemade pie, cake, cookies, donuts, fruit crisp, bread, crackers, muffins, preserves, or candy **AND** sugar-free or gluten free items are welcome!

CONFIRM On the sign-up sheet in the Narthex the bake goods which you expect to be able to provide. Drop off instructions are located on the signup sheet.

EVERY Little bit helps! Thank you so much for all your support with this fundraiser!

2019 Skeins of Hope Afghan Raffle

THIS Year's beautiful and snuggly afghan is a beautiful combination of various shades of blue & grey.

Raffle Tickets are available at the Church office,
in the Narthex on Sundays OR
contact Karen Babecki kbabecki@comcast.net.

1 ticket for \$2.00 - 3 tickets for \$5.00

9 tickets for \$15.00 (booklet)

*Winner need not be present for drawing on
Sunday, November 3rd.*



October Coffee Hour

The "Cleaning Angels" will be sponsoring Sunday the 13th coffee hour. Please join us immediately after worship in the Nevius Fellowship Hall.

Family Promise

Angela Fields, executive director of Family Promise, will attend our worship service on October 13th to deliver a 3-minute presentation and to meet and greet the congregation at Coffee Hour that day to answer any questions.

**Next Fellowship Team meeting:
Wednesday, October 16,
7:00pm, in the
Nevius Fellowship Hall.**

Skeins of Hope

Skeins of Hope is a small group that shares the love of crochet and fellowship.

We will meet on Thursday, October 3,
at 7:00 pm in the church office
(contact Diana Reinhardt at 908-369-4362).

We work on projects as a group effort so as not to burden one another's busy lives. Recently, we finished an afghan to be raffled off on November 3. No rules, just come when you can and have fun.

News from the Service Team

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

CHRC's donation to Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) on September 8th, 2019 was \$840, approximately the same as last year. We are grateful for the generosity of our members. We plan to continue supporting SHIP by encouraging donations to the Penny Jar throughout each year.

Please join the service team on October 13th in welcoming our guest Angela Fields, M.Div., Executive Director Family Promise for a short presentation during worship.



Family Promise[®]
of Hunterdon County

Angela will be joining us for coffee hour afterwards to answer any questions we might have involving Family Promise in Hunterdon County.

The service team will be collecting new hats, scarves and gloves for the homeless of Somerset county.



Donations will be given to people interviewed this coming January, when Somerset County participates in the annual Point In Time (PIT) survey. This survey is part of a statewide effort to obtain an accurate snapshot of New Jersey's homeless population in response to a directive from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A box will be placed in the Narthex for your goods and will be delivered in January for the Survey. Please consider bringing a little warmth to those less fortunate.

**Our next CHRC Service Team meeting in on
Monday, October 28th,
at 7:00pm in the church office.**

All are welcome!

News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued ...

Mark your calendars
and pick out your book
for our next



to be held on
Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 11:30 am.
Questions: contact Marilyn Fineman
marilyn@fineman.me or 908 788-0664.

It's been a year since our Book Swap sprang up from the Summer Readings of 2017 and 2018. Those participating, whether they've read a book, or just come to hear the discussion, have found them to be both faith expanding and faith enriching. We hope that you consider picking up a book from the Kris Kanach Memorial Library at church or another book that you've been thinking about for a while and read it and then come share your thoughts. The discussion is always warm and everyone encouraging, plus we have a list of 'prompts' to help you think about what you might say.

And, if you don't have time to read a book, please join us to hear more about God's word.

Questions: contact Marilyn Fineman
marilyn@fineman.me or 908 788-0664.

Recently read books:

[Simply Christian](#), N.T. Wright — This book talks about what it means to be Christian, how to follow Jesus into the new world, God's new world, which He has thrown open before us.

[Freedom of Simplicity](#), Richard J. Foster — This book shows how simplicity is not merely having less stress and more leisure but an essential spiritual discipline for the health of our souls.

[The Grace of Dogs](#), Andrew Root — This book delves into how the dog-human relationship is unique—and possibly even “spiritual.”

[Orthodoxy](#), G.K. Chesterton, an explanation of how the author came to believe Christianity.
(much more exciting than that explanation, look it up on Google!)

[Come Thirsty](#), Max Lucado — All those who thirst, come to the well... to Christ's work on the cross, his energy, his Lordship and his Love.

Insert In Your Weekly Bulletin

The Prayer Request Page has been designed to give ALL who worship with us the opportunity to request a prayer, share a moment of joy or celebration or just communicate a need confidentially.

At the top of the paper a box can be checked in order to have the prayer request included on the present Sunday.

There are other choices if one chooses not to have their request or joy shared during the service but wish it to be

acknowledged by the pastor,
placed on the prayer list or
wish to be contacted through information they choose to include (email, phone).

Please place the yellow request sheet into the collection plate. It will be included if indicated on the sheet.

This is in addition to, not to take the place of verbally requests of prayer, concerns or joy that comes before our prayers of the people.

Any questions please contact Nancy Lane at nlane54@gmail.com

News from the Spiritual Growth Team, continued ...



Flu Shots at Clover Hill / Sponsored by Shop Rite

Feed your Soul and get a Flu Shot
on Sunday, October 13, at Clover Hill.

The Public is invited to participate in this Community Service Event.

**Bring your insurance card and
roll up your sleeve to stay healthy this fall.**

Shop Rite will bill the vaccination to many insurances, including Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, and Cigna to name a few.

Shots will be administered by a Shop Rite Pharmacist at Clover Hill Reformed Church, 890 Amwell Road, not at Shop Rite. Simply fill out the Vaccination Consent Form at the time of your appointment (copies also available on the Spiritual Growth Team bulletin board) and show your insurance card to the Pharmacist present.

Avoid the lines and take advantage of convenient parking!

HOW TO SIGNUP:

Sign up on the Spiritual Growth Team bulletin board or, if you got a flu shot with us last year and you received a pre-filled form in the mail this year, you may simply complete it and bring it with you.

Questions? Contact Amy Frank frankfmly@yahoo.com

It only takes a few minutes to get a flu shot! Take advantage of this convenient location!

All are Welcome!

Thanks to Shop Rite for offering this Service to our Community .

First they came for the Communists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the Social-Democrats, and I did not speak out because I was not a Social-Democrat. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me.

German pastor Martin Niemöller, incarcerated 1937-45
in the Sachsenhausen and Dachau concentration camps (1945)



Kudos to this group for spending Labor Day, the unofficial final day of summer, confronting up close the evil that arises from "other-ness." "Auschwitz--Not long ago. Not far away." is a special exhibit at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC. This is an exhibit that is experienced, not just viewed, as it cuts to the core of our common humanity and the ugliness of dehumanizing "others." It was difficult, overwhelming, sobering and well worth the trip. Our young adults who shared this experience took in the exhibit with maturity and compassion. It was said by one young member of our group that this was a "great" day, although she questioned using "great" to describe this experience. If it equips us to recognize and to combat evil, if we are now the custodians of the truth of the horrors to which others have borne witness, then it was a great day. (Note: The exhibit runs through January 3.)

News from the Stewardship Team

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

Immediately following service on October 20th we will kick off the Stewardship Campaign with a pot luck brunch to “Celebrate Our Life Together!” Bring a dish or just come and enjoy the fellowship.



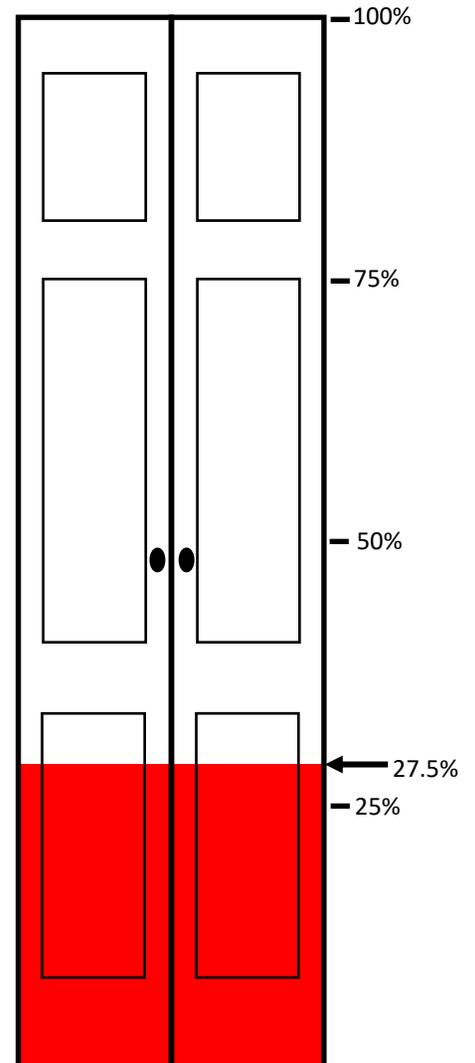
There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex to let everyone know what you plan to bring. Please contact Karen Babecki with any questions.

"Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God." 1 Peter 4:10 Good News translation

In October, we will begin our third Stewardship Campaign. These campaigns are something we began as we worked with Rev. Bill Borrer to examine all aspects of our finances. Last year, we had 31 households make pledges for their 2019 gifts to CHRC—that was an all-time high! Having so many families make and fulfill their pledges has allowed us to make more accurate budgets and set guidelines that have stabilized our finances. It has allowed us to determine what we can afford to offer a new minister and to plan for a future without deficit spending. In early November, we will once again ask you to prayerfully consider what gifts you can offer of your time, talent, and treasure to continue the stewardship of Clover Hill.

“For the Doors”

Goal: \$22,000



To date we have \$6050 in the fund “For the Doors.” That’s about 27.5% of our total goal.

**Next Stewardship Team Meeting:
October 16, 7 pm**

News from the Stewardship Team, continued ...

Property Team Update

Our church property work list continues to get items completed and new items added. We try to keep an updated version on the Stewardship bulletin board in the Narthex. Feel free to review and volunteer!

Proceeds from the Pig Roast will be split evenly this year between the Building Fund and "For the Doors."

CLEANING ANGELS

Want something invigorating
to do while sharing the
warmth of fellowship?



Join the Cleaning Angels
on Oct. 8th at 8 am
Contact Yvette du Fossé
(908) 782-8118

GARDENING ANGELS

The Gardening Angels will
meet on October 22nd at 4 pm for
the final garden cleanup of the year.

Just show up or
contact Diana Reinhardt
(908) 369-4362



Cash Financial Snapshot (as of 9/25/2019)

Income Year to Date	\$121,407.16
Expense Year to Date (includes the theoretical cost of a part time minister)	\$126,278.86
Balance to Date	(\$4,871.70)

TD Checking Balance (Operating Cash):	\$8,116.52
TD Money Market Account (Savings)	\$55,065.45
TD Money Market Account (Restricted Funds)	\$45,535.78
Accessibility Fund	\$5,089.63
Benevolence Fund	\$150.00
Building Fund	\$6,610.78
Castellano Scholarships Fund	\$2,324.61
For the Doors Fund	\$6,050.00
Kris Kanach Library Fund	\$581.52
Mary Nevius Music Fund	\$6,042.48
Memorial Fund	\$18,686.76
Total of all Operating and Funds Cash:	\$108,717.75

*Readington Reformed Church
requests the honor of your presence at our
300th Anniversary Celebration Service and Reception*



*Sunday, the Twenty-seventh of October
Two Thousand Nineteen*

*Three O'Clock Celebration
Readington Reformed Church
124 Readington Road
Readington, New Jersey*

*Five O'Clock Reception
Readington Volunteer Firehouse
6 Hillcrest Road
Readington, New Jersey*

*R.S.V.P.
(908) 534-2077 or RRC300th@readingtonreformed.org*

To continue our growing connection with our sister church, Neshanic Reformed

While the "Women's Tea" is open to anyone who would like to attend—the women of the NRC are personally extending an invitation to the women of the Clover Hill family to join them, and others, in gathering for this event.

**Neshanic Reformed Church
Woman's Tea**

**October 12, 2019
11:00 am-1:00 pm**

Welcome

**Tea, Sandwiches & Confections
Special Music
Guest Speaker:
Karen Kostelansky-Mullen
"Stretching Our Faith"**

**Donation: \$10.00
Checks Payable To:
NRC Women
Mail To:
Mary Rooney
c/o Neshanic Reformed Church
715 Amwell Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844**

**Reservations Required by:
9/25/19**

***Ages 12 and up please.**

September 27, 2019

Dear Friend of the Warwick Conference Center and Camp Warwick,

*You are Cordially Invited To The
Warwick Open House Luncheon at Mulder Chapel
Tuesday, October 22, 2019
10:00 a.m. / Registration & Coffee
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. / Program & Luncheon*

*Please RSVP by October 11, 2019 by submitting the registration form below.
There is no fee for this event.*

.....DETACH.....

WARWICK OPEN HOUSE LUNCHEON . TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019
REGISTRATION

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CHURCH _____

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MAIL or EMAIL REGISTRATION FORM BY OCT. 11TH TO:
PATRICIA CIAMPA
Warwick Conference Center, P. O. Box 349, Warwick, NY 10990
FAX: (845) 986-8874 / EMAIL: warwickcc@optimum.net

Communication Team

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

Check out our new website (cloverhillchurch.org)

Friend us on FaceBook

Follow us on Instagram



Other Church Information

Consistory

The Consistory will meet on Monday, October 14, at 7:00 pm in the parsonage

Community Groups Using our facilities:

Mondays: The Church of the Living God—7:00 pm Nevius Fellowship Hall

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

Thursdays: The Church of the Living God—7:00 pm Nevius Fellowship Hall

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

Belltower Deadline

All write ups to be included in the November issue
need to be submitted to the church office (chrc1834@gmail.com)
by Thursday, October 17.

October

Board of Deacons

06—Jim Agnew
13—Karen Babecki
20— Luke Herman
27—Jim Agnew

Board of Elders

Greg Hedden/Nancy Lane
Roxana Jordan
Amy Frank
Ken Skillman

OCTOBER 2019

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:00 pm ACA Fellowship Group meeting in the NFH	2 8:00-11:00 am Prayers	3 7:00 pm The Church of the Living God meeting in NFH 7:00pm Skeins of Hope in the church office	4	5 10:00am RV Chorus rehearsal sanctuary 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in NFH
6 8:45 am Senior Choir 10 am Worship/ School/ World Wide Communion 11:15am Bell rehearsal	7 7:00 pm The Church of the Living God meeting in NFH	8 8:00 am "Cleaning Angels" 7:00 pm ACA Fellowship Group meeting in the NFH	9 8:00-11:00 am Prayers 6:00 pm NSWE in the NFH	10 7:00 pm The Church of the Living God meeting in NFH 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study Wrap up of Romans chapters 1-8 in sanctuary	11 1:00 pm Prayer Group in library	12 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in NFH
13 8:45 am Senior Choir Congregational meeting before worship 10:00 am Worship/ School/Family Promise 11:15am Bell rehearsal 11:30am Coffee Hour Flus Shots Pig Roast meeting	14 7:00 pm The Church of the Living God meeting in NFH 7:00 pm Consistory meeting parsonage	15 7:00 pm ACA Fellowship Group meeting in the NFH	16 8:00-11:00 am Prayers 7:00pm Fellowship Team meeting NFH 7:00pm Stewardship Team meeting Upper Room	17 7:00 pm The Church of the Living God meeting in NFH Belltower deadline	18	19 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in NFH
20 8:45 am Senior Choir 10:00 am Worship/ School Reaffirmation Sunday 11:15 am Bell rehearsal 11:30 am Stewardship Brunch in NFH	21 7:00 pm The Church of the Living God meeting in NFH	22 4:00pm "Garden Angels" church parking lot 7:00 pm ACA Fellowship Group meeting in the NFH	23 8:00-11:00 am Prayers	24 7:00 pm The Church of the Living God meeting in NFH 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study Church Office	25 1:00 pm Prayer Group in library	26 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in NFH
27 8:45 am Senior Choir 10am Worship/ School Stewardship Campaign 11:15 am Bell rehearsal 11:30 am Book Swap in NFH	28 7:00 pm The Church of the Living God meeting in NFH 7:00pm Service Team meeting church office	29 Prayer List "Refresh" 7:00 pm ACA Fellowship Group meeting in the NFH	30 8:00-11:00 am Prayers	31 7:00 pm The Church of the Living God meeting in NFH		